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## Chiang's Military Chiefs Confident They Can Win

### CRUCIAL HSUCHOW BATTLE

(By WILLIAM PARROTT, REUTER-AAP CORRESPONDENT)

With the Nationalist Armies on the Hsuehchow front, Nov. 26.—Nationalist Commanders in Communist-encircled Hsuehchow believe they can win the present battle upon which the fate of China may depend. They claimed here tonight to have crushed the Communist offensive, to have seized the initiative, and to have inflicted far more casualties on the enemy than they have suffered themselves. Spokesmen for the Nationalists included Lieutenant General Liu Chih, commander of the East China Bandit Suppression Headquarters and Major General Chang Yu-chin, Headquarters Deputy Chief of Staff. General Liu said although the enemy offensive had been crushed in 20 days of conflict, fighting still continued in the outer areas and the battle could not definitely be regarded as concluded.

### Biggest Gun In World

Washington, Nov. 26.—The U.S. Navy today said it had built the largest gun in the world to fire 2,000-pound bombs and guided missile warheads at super-sonic speed. The gun is a 24-inch test gun converted from a war-damaged 16-inch battleship gun. From a distance of 50 feet the gun shoots bombs and warheads at concrete and armour-plate targets to determine the effect of their impact. The Navy said it had no plans to build any more as the gun is strictly a test weapon.—United Press.

### Strikers Still Not Satisfied

New York, Nov. 26.—Prospects for an end to the 17-day East Coast dock strike darkened today when 2,000 Brooklyn longshoremen voted to reject for the second time the settlement reached by their Union negotiators. Brooklyn members of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association voted by a show of hands to reject the 13 cents an hour wage increase on which Union negotiators and shippers agreed yesterday. The vote was unofficial, with the official secret ballot scheduled for tomorrow. Representatives of longshoremen in Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore attended the Brooklyn meeting. At the same time, Philadelphia's striking workers voted by a unanimous show of hands to accept the terms and go back to work. SHIPPERS PREPARING As votes were taken, shippers prepared for the resumption of the nation's foreign trade on Monday. In the hope that an end of the US\$24,000,000 East and West Coast dock strikes were in sight. However, Union officials said many rank and file longshoremen were still dissatisfied with the wage agreement. Coast workers struck in full force after Union members refused to ratify a ten-cent wage increase which was accepted by their leaders nearly two weeks ago. Mr. Joseph Ryan, president of the AFL Union, said there was little importance attached to the Brooklyn workers' action. He said: "They're a bunch that's trying to spread trouble and their action will have no effect on the membership vote tomorrow."—United Press.

### New Bill Of Rights For World

Paris, Nov. 26.—A world-wide Bill of Rights was born here on Friday. It proclaims freedom and equality for everyone. Delegates of the 58 nations completed the last of 28 draft articles of a declaration on human rights, leaving only the preamble and a possible new article or two to be acted upon before the document moves from the Social Committee to the General Assembly for final approval. The Committee, on which representatives of all 58 nations sit—has spent two years working on the document which is hailed by UN officials as "one of the great landmarks of civilisation."

A human rights covenant legally binding on all signatory nations is to be drawn up before next year's UN Assembly. It would provide for sanctions in the case of violation of the rights.

#### ENDS DISCRIMINATION

Friday's declaration calls for an end to discrimination based on "race, colour, sex, language, religion, political belief, property, birth or national or social origin." It would prohibit slavery, the slave trade and torture. Equal rights for men and women in marriage and divorce are proclaimed and freedom of religion is secured with the right of everyone to change his religion or belief.

The declaration safeguards freedom of opinion with the right to "seek, receive and impart information and ideas regardless of frontiers."

Children born out of wedlock are to have the same social protection as those born in marriage and free universal and compulsory education is to be established with "equal access to higher education on the basis of merit."

Dr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon, the Social Committee chairman, believes the declaration will arouse wide interest in many countries.

"People everywhere will read it," he says, "and argue on the basis of it. They will bring pressure to bear on their Governments to modify national legislation in conformity with its principles."—Associated Press.

## MADAME CHIANG TO VISIT U.S.

### Object—To Appeal For Assistance

Washington, Nov. 26.—President Chiang Kai-shek will not get an official White House invitation to come to Washington to discuss China's plight, but his wife is planning to visit the United States. President Truman turned down a suggestion on Friday by representative Sol Bloom, New York Democrat, that the Generalissimo be asked to come to the U.S. to present a first hand account of conditions in China where Communist forces have overrun much of the north. Emerging from the President's office, Representative Bloom told reporters President Truman "did not see how Chiang could leave China at this time."

The Congressman, who is slated to head the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he reached the same conclusion after talking over the matter with the President. But, Mr. Bloom asserted: "What we need is real information about the Chinese situation, information of the kind we can get simply by sending men into China to stay a few weeks." Meanwhile, Madame Chiang's impending visit was made known by the State Department and confirmed by the Chinese Embassy.

Both said they knew no details at all, even the time of her arrival or the length of her stay. NO OFFICIAL INVITATION Press officer Michael J. McDermott of the State Department indicated no official invitation had been extended to her by the Washington Government. Madame Chiang is understood to have received invitations from private organisations. Mr. McDermott said he did not know under whose auspices she plans the trip.

There appeared to be little doubt in any quarter, however, that the prime purpose of her mission would be to solicit further help from the United States for the central Chinese Government in the war against the Communists. She appealed for such assistance over the radio last Sunday, in a broadcast from China. In that speech, she said she had received letters from many quarters that she undertake a trip to the United States. She said, however, she was not able to leave immediately. Madame Chiang, educated in the U.S., made her latest appearance here in the winter of 1942-43.

TALKS ON THE "HILL" Mr. Bloom noted that the joint Congressional "watchdog" committee overseeing operations of the foreign aid programme has dispatched Mr. William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador, to China. Former Senator D. Worth Clark recently returned from a mission there for the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Bloom said, however, he thought it would be better "to bring someone over here who could meet with on the Hill (at the Capitol) and get a better idea of the situation."

Generalissimo Chiang has written personally to Mr. Truman in behalf of his Nationalist Government.—Associated Press.

The President held an hour long session with his Cabinet on Friday. Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, brought the Cabinet up to date on the international situation. Postmaster General Donaldson "reported" while further details were not disclosed, no appraisal of the international scene would be complete without a comprehensive discussion of the situation in China.—Associated Press.

BIG POWERS' ATTITUDE The West's reply made it plain the Big Three powers considered it useless to try to re-establish a single currency for Berlin while the city administration is split and while Russia appears bent upon splitting the city in any other remaining possible way.

In effect the West said: Restore a unified city with all its administrative agencies and then let us consider the currency problem. The Moscow agreement to which Russia referred provided for the simultaneous acceptance of the Soviet mark as currency for all Berlin and lifting of Soviet blockade of Berlin. The agreement was referred to the four military Governors of Germany for implementation, but the Berlin talks broke down in deadlock.

The Western replies to Dr. Brannaglin charged that Berlin's unified administration under four-power control was "being rapidly dismantled." The charges referred to recent Soviet action in destroying four-power administrative organs in the German capital.—United Press.

### REDS' SURPRISE ATTACK

Amoy, Nov. 26.—One hundred Communist launched a surprise night attack on Hsui village, in the Changpu district near Amoy recently. They carried off heavy loot and kidnapped the wife and two sons of the village chief who paid a ransom of 80 piculs of rice for their release the next day.—Associated Press.



M. PAUL SPAAK

## SPAAK IS PREMIER AGAIN

Brussels, Nov. 26.—M. Paul Henri Spaak formed a new Socialist-Catholic Government today. M. Spaak, who is 59, was Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in the Coalition Government of Socialists and Catholics which resigned last Friday.

He today resumed his efforts to form a Cabinet for the second time in a week. On Tuesday, after four days of negotiations, he had announced his failure.

Since then, M. Gaston Sykens, the Catholic Finance Minister in the outgoing Coalition, had tried in vain to fill the gap with a new Ministry.

#### MINOR CHANGES

The new Cabinet, the eighth since the Liberation, is but for minor modifications almost the same as M. Spaak's Government which resigned last Friday. M. Spaak, a Socialist, is again Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. M. Gaston Sykens (Catholic) again Minister of Finance, and M. Pierre Vermeiren (Socialist) Minister of the Interior. Mr. H. L. de Meulen (Catholic) is Minister of Justice in succession to Mr. Paul Struyve, whose resignation after he was criticised in Parliament for the reprieve of two Belgians condemned to death for war crimes was followed by the resignation of the Government. The new Cabinet has two fewer members than its predecessor.—Reuter.

### Tokyo Hangings Postponed

Tokyo, Nov. 26.—The execution of the Japanese wartime Premier, Hideki Tojo, and six other major Japanese war criminals which was expected tonight is now unlikely to take place before next week, informed sources at the Sugamo Prison here said today. Some of the prisoners had not been notified of the decision of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, confirming the death sentences, these sources said, nor had they been given the customary 24-hours' notice of the execution.—Reuter.

### 21 Die In Plane Crash

Lahore, Nov. 26.—Sixteen passengers and a crew of five including two Americans, were killed when a Pakistan Airways plane crashed today about 200 miles southwest of Lahore.

The plane was on a flight from Karachi to Lahore, it was learned here. The plane crashed at Lodhran, 250 miles southwest of Lahore, it was first learned. The names of two Americans killed were given as Captain Giesler and Radio Officer Aphon. Later reports said the plane crashed at Vihari, 150 miles southwest of Lahore.

A list of the passengers was not immediately available, but it was understood here that Mr. R. Butt, a Lahore industrialist, was on board. The plane left Karachi at 8 a.m. local time and crashed three hours later. The cause is not yet known. The aircraft belonged to the PAK Airways, one of two Pakistan airlines operating internal services. In 1945, before the division of the Indian subcontinent, Mr. Butt was a member of the Indian Government's Planning Panel. In that year he toured American industrial plants studying technique.—Reuter.

#### EDITORIAL

### Excessive Night Noises

SINCE the reoccupation the S Colony's residential areas have been suffering an excess of harsh, irritating and unwholesome noises. Districts which before the war were regarded as delightful havens of peace and quietness are now, for the most part, a cacophony of noise. Daytime hawking give place in the evening to rowdy houses, parties, double fortissimo radios, jarring mah jong games and late night street vendors. The impression is left that a large proportion of Hongkong's residents have to make a lot of noise these days. In order to drown the sound of their own discontent. The effect on those who desire, and very often need, quietness is extremely disconcerting. Much of the discordant night noises which disturb residential neighbourhoods are caused by thoughtlessness and selfishness and the remedy appears to rest with the victims who, under common law and statutory ordinance can demand and secure redress. This apparently escapes the notice of the many correspondents who from time to time have written complaints to the newspapers. They seem to believe that it is the duty of the authorities to take some sort of action, but first duty rests with the aggrieved residents who suffer the unseemable behaviour of their neighbours to bring these offenders to court. It is in the interests of any neighbourhood that persistent disturbers of the peace should be brought to book. Nevertheless, the Police also owe a duty, which is to see that hawking ply their trade with a minimum of noise—especially after dark. The suppression of necessary street noises is the responsibility of the

police, and all patrol officers should be instructed to take immediate action against people who are disturbing the peace, either by selling wares or carousing. If residents whose rest hours are disturbed by inconsiderate neighbours would take action under which they are entitled by law and if the police were to be a little more energetic in dealing with shouting night hawking, many of the Colony's residential areas, now a bedlam of discordant sounds would assume again their pre-war quietness.

#### End Of a Strike

SETTLEMENT of the American West Coast maritime strike is not only a welcome achievement, but in its terms only have the longshoremen's representatives and shipping owners agreed to end the 85-day dispute, but they have signed a contract outlawing strikes for three years! If the Democratic election victory bears no other palatable fruit, it has this remarkable agreement to its credit, for it is obvious that the re-election of President Truman and the creation of a Democratic-controlled Congress have been the deciding influences in the sudden willingness of the strikers to come to terms with big shipping, and to get back to work. Hongkong is as pleased as any other part of the world, for the strike has been having its effect on the Colony's trade, apart from causing minor inconveniences such as delayed mails. If the three-year no-strike contract is faithfully observed, the United States and elsewhere can optimistically look forward to continued prosperity.

### Reward Out For Negro Slayers

Atlanta, Nov. 26.—A \$500 reward has been posted for the ambush slayers of Robert Mallard, 42-year-old Toombs county negro, slain last Saturday night. Editor Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution, announced tonight that the money was left with him to be paid for the "arrest and conviction" of the slayer of slayers.

McGill said the man asked that his name be withheld. He described himself as a long time supporter of Governor Herman Talmadge and the late Eugene Talmadge.

"This is a white man's country," he was quoted, "and therefore the law is the white man's law. He wrote it. It is important that he live by it. No decent white man will support murder and lynch violence."

The negro was shot on a lonely road 20 miles from Lyons, Ga., as he returned from a church service. Mallard's wife and other witnesses told Toombs county sheriff R. E. Gray that they were stopped by "two or three cars."

Four men were behind bushes, they said. One shot, fired through the windshield, struck Mallard in the chest. The sheriff said he did not believe all of the witnesses' story.—Associated Press.



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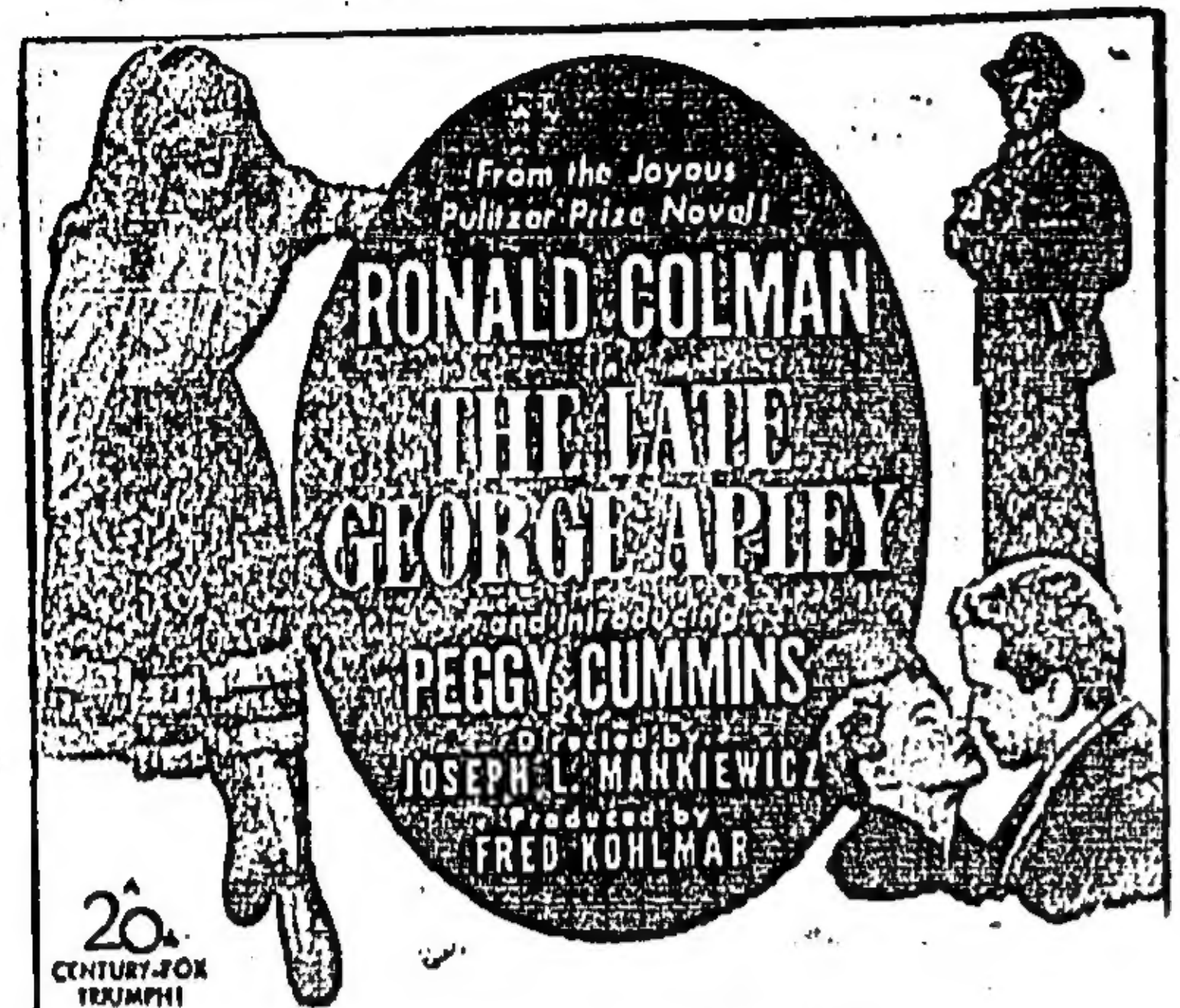
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By . . . ALAN DENT

HONGKONG will have an opportunity of seeing Sir Laurence Olivier's much-discussed film of "Hamlet" in ten days' time. The gala premiere will be on Tuesday, December 7, at the Queen's Theatre.

Olivier's leading aim and ambition throughout the making of this film was to produce something like the picture of "Hamlet" that Shakespeare himself might have conceived and created if he had been alive today and had all the equipment of a modern film studio.

Sir Laurence himself is the very first to admit that this is an extremely tall order and an extremely lofty ambition. Overweening, in a word! But there is no point—as he says—in being under-weening in such a venture! His previous Shakespearean film, "Henry V," was worked out and brought about in the face of much purist opposition. But the overwhelming majority of the critics and a large proportion of the objectors were won over in the end by that film's artistic triumph.

**AN OLD TALE**

ONE preliminary resort to play-purists—who shout "Hands off Hamlet!" is that the plot of "Hamlet" never did belong to Shakespeare in the first place. Shakespeare's tragedy first appeared in the year 1602. But there are traces, and extant notices, of an earlier play on the same subject which must have appeared even earlier than the year 1589. This, in turn, was founded on an old tale by a Danish historian, Saxo Grammaticus, which was first printed in 1514. This story later appeared in a French version by Belleforest. It was called "The History of Hamlet." The scene of its incidents is laid before the introduction of Christianity into Denmark and when the Danish power still held sway over England.

Roderick, King of Denmark, divided his kingdom into provinces, and placed governors in them. Among these governors were two warlike brothers, Horvendile and Fengon. The former surpassed all other Danes in piracy, which was, in those days, regarded as an occupation worthy of a nobleman. Colere, the King of Norway, was so envious of the achievements of Horvendile in this craft that he challenged him to a duel. The challenge was accepted, the victor to have all the riches that were in the other's ship. Colere was slain, and Horvendile returned to Denmark with much treasure, most of which he sent to King Roderick who thereupon gave him his daughter, Geruth, in marriage. From this marriage sprang Hamlet, the hero of the tale. (Note that this early Hamlet's mother is called Geruth which, by an easy transition, becomes the Queen Gertrude of Shakespeare).

**FEIGNS MADNESS**

FENGON became so envious of his triumphant brother—now become King of Denmark—that he resolved to kill him. Before doing this he corrupted Geruth, and after killing his brother he married the widow. Young Hamlet, thinking he was likely to fare no better than his father, began to feign madness. One of Fengon's friends, suspecting the young man's madness to be feigned, counselled Fengon to use some means for discovering his purpose. (This, of course, is the first clear intimation of the character who becomes Polonius in Shakespeare).

The device having been prepared, the councillor went into the Queen's chamber and hid behind the hangings. Soon afterwards the Queen and the Prince came in; but the latter, suspecting some treachery, kept up his pretence of being mad and bent the hangings with his arms. Feeling something stir behind them, he cried "A rat! a

rat!" and thrust his sword into them. This done he pulled the councillor out half dead and made an end of him.

Hamlet then had a long interview with his mother, which ended in a pledge of mutual confidence between them. She engaged to keep his secret faithfully, and to aid him in his purpose of revenge. She further declared that she had often prevented his death and that she had never consented to the murder of his father.

King Fengon's next device was to send the Prince to England, with secret letters ordering that he should there be put to death. Two of his Ministers being sent along with him, the Prince—again suspecting a mischief—read their commissions on the voyage while they were asleep and substituted one ordering the bearers to be hanged. All this being done, he returned to Denmark and executed his revenge with none of the Shakespearean Hamlet's hesitations or vacillations. After stabbing the King he sets fire to the palace and harangues the people. He becomes a brave and popular monarch and finally dies in battle.

It should be perfectly manifest, then, that the skeleton of "Hamlet" was already in existence when Shakespeare made his play of it at the turn of the sixteenth century. Someone—anyone—would be perfectly at liberty to use this skeleton as the basis of a film just as Plutarch could be used as the basis of a film of "Antony and Cleopatra" and the text left to the undisciplined mercies of some modern script writer.

**SHAKESPEARE'S POETRY**

BUT there never has been so fool-hardy a notion at the back of Olivier's mind. His deep love and reverence for Shakespeare the poet has animated him throughout the making of this film right from its inception. It is the poetry and the philosophy and the miraculous characterisation of Shakespeare's masterpiece that made him turn his attention to it as a possible film.

Not a syllable of Shakespeare's text has been "improved" or added to. But cutting has been considerable, and even drastic. The primary reason for this reduction is that, as a general rule, no film running more than three hours is commercially feasible. The usual theatre-version is a considerable

reduction of this). The film's text, therefore, had to be and could only be a bare two-thirds of Shakespeare's.

One of the major problems in cutting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to make this film of it lay in the fact that it is probably the most familiar play in the language. It is, as the old lady said, full of quotations—as full as an egg is full of meat, and the loss of a single quotation will be noticed and pounced upon.

A general disarming should, therefore, be possible if we divide here and now what exactly had to go by the board. The cuts include not only minor characters (who vanish anywhere from almost all stage-productions of the play)—Reynaldo, Voltimand, Cornelius and the Second Grave-digger. But they also include—much more sensationally—Fortinbras, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (the last two being the two Counsellors who are sent to their death in England in the original story as in Shakespeare).

**RETAINED TILL LATE**

FIRST, why Fortinbras? The truth is that this Prince of Norway was retained until a quite late stage in the making of the film, not so much because the audience at this play ever has much concern about the fate of Denmark after Hamlet's death, as because his presence—at least his passing by at the head of his army—provides the reason for the great soliloquy beginning:

"How all occasions do inform against me,  
And spur my dull revenge!"

That great soliloquy had at the last moment to be excised from the film. It proved to be completely intractable as cinematic material, though the director tried every conceivable way of handling it. It proved, in other words, to be impossibly static in screen terms.

Another very striking cut is the entire removal of the play within the play, "The Murder of Gonzago," with which Hamlet catches the conscience of the King. This has been scrapped entirely and replaced by that preliminary piece of dumb-show which foretells all its action in mime. This Dumb Show is often regarded by producers as superfluous; for the purposes of the film it is the spoken play which has been regarded as superfluous.

**TRANSPPOSITIONS**

THERE have, finally, been a few cases of transposition. For an example, the exquisite scene between Hamlet and Horatio, the scene beginning:

"Horatio, thou art e'en as just a man  
As e'er my conversation coped withal . . ."

and happening before the courtiers assemble for the play, has been moved bodily to a scene near the end of the film where it becomes an intimate conversation between Hamlet and Horatio just before the entrance of Orazio to arrange the details of the duel with Laertes.

Anyone who queries the propriety of such transpositions can have little knowledge of the peculiar difficulties of turning a great play into a worthy film. The rhythms of the two are subtly different. The action and the ordering has to be often slightly and sometimes drastically altered.

And, as we began by saying, all such altering, cuttings, transpositions have been made by an artist who has been possessed throughout the film of "Hamlet" that William Shakespeare might have made if he had belonged to the middle of the twentieth century instead of the turn of the sixteenth. That Laurence Olivier's guiding principle, as artist-director-actor,



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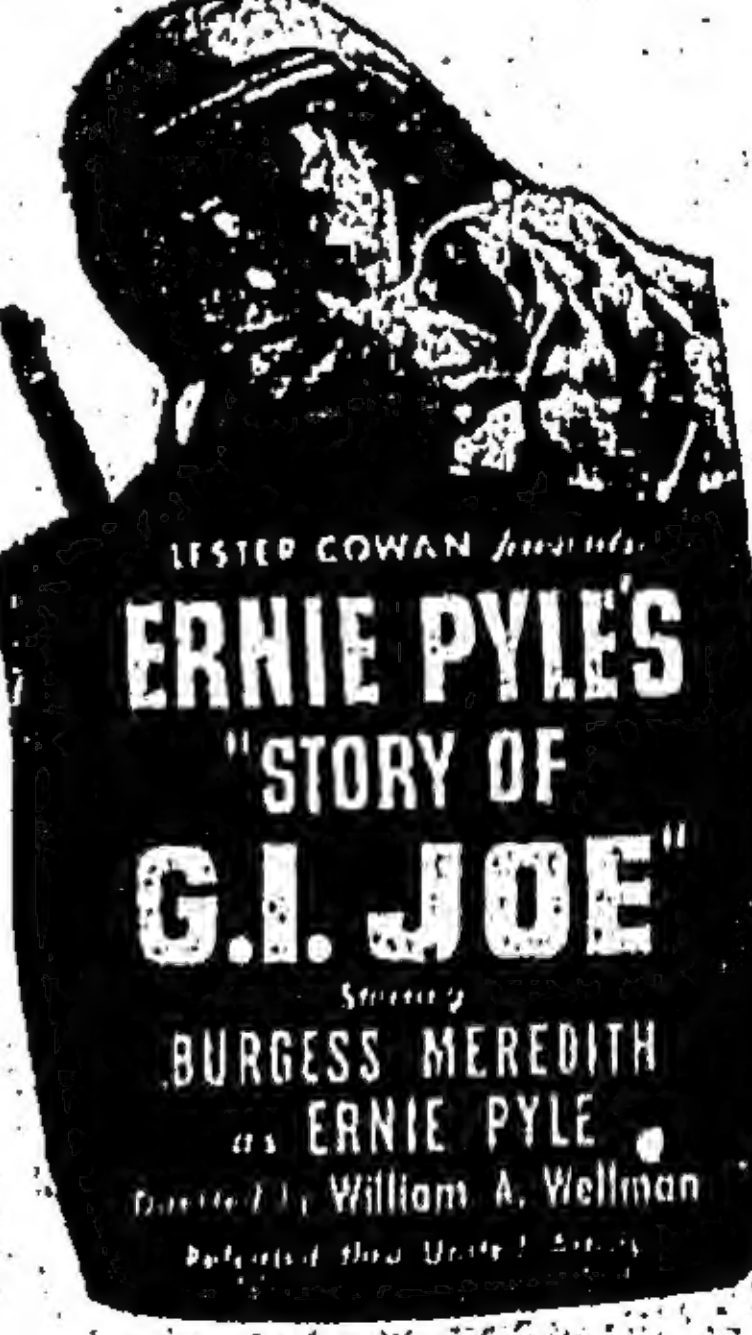


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## C.V.R. Thompson Too true to be good

NEW YORK. In the middle of the campaign against Hollywood, the radio, the comics, and books for inspiring criminals with their thrillers, two American criminals outdid fiction. In New York a Negro stole a bus, but he did not take it away and sell it. Instead he just ran it up and down Eighth Avenue and pocketed all the fares. With his pockets full of dimes he jumped out of the driver's seat and escaped into the underground station at Fifth Street after he had run the bus into a taxi and captured it. And in Morristown, Pennsylvania, police arrested another Negro, 30-year-old James Johnson, and charged him with the murder of two men killed in a train wreck. They reported that Johnson, an ex-convict, had signed a confession admitting he wrecked the train. And his reason? He hoped to get money by searching the pockets of the dead and injured.

WITH MARKETS closed for Armistice Day, Wall Streeters gave up their holiday to a concentrated debate on their big question of the moment—has a big bear market (in which the trend is downward) started? Their pet theorist, Justin Barbour, says yes, because "new, unfavourable conditions" are foreseen, including the threat of an excess profits tax and a slump in the boom next year. Elsewhere opinion is almost evenly divided.

NOW it is reported that President Truman was not such a good prophet after all. Just 96 hours before he was elected President, he said "I guess I'm licked, but it's worth the fight."

IF AND WHEN Secretary of State George Marshall resigns, America's Labourites—who are not Socialists yet—are urging President Truman to appoint one of them to the post. Their argument: The men America's Foreign Office deals with are not top-hat boys but ex-working men like Ernest Bevin.

FROM AMERICA'S top rocket engine expert, Dr. Fritz Zwicky, came the prediction that war may be too underground in the not-too-distant future. Dr. Zwicky's new toy, the "terranule" engine which will drill through the earth like a mole.

SNOW BUSINESS: Three films running on Broadway have "blood" in their titles. Old-timers' Department: Gloria Swanson is leaving Broadway soon for a film come-back and Pola Negri is leaving Hollywood to do a Broadway play. Marlene Dietrich is thinking of doing a revue. Gene Tierney writes that if a baby is a girl, she will name her something Irish to go with her married name of Cassin.

## They're in the Hunt Again . . . . . by GILES



"Not a word, Colonel. Remember they're our guests and allies."

## WILL WE WITHDRAW FROM GERMANY?

FIVE years ago, Allied policy towards Germany was to "pastoralise" the country, remove its industries, and police it with allied forces for a generation. Today the complete reversal of this policy, originally American, is most apparent in the American Zone of Germany.

But it is from a British source that has come the boldest official hint of an entirely new policy towards Germany. General Sir Brian Robertson gave it as his "personal opinion" that the withdrawal of all occupying forces may be the only solution of the deadlock between Russia and the Western Allies in Germany. He qualified this with an incidental remark that the Germans must be guaranteed the power to run their own affairs.

Now, the British Foreign Office quickly disclaimed General Robertson's personal thoughts. But I can report with certainty that the airift to Berlin, which has given London and Washington time to think, is persuading men of the highest importance as advisers to think seriously, in this space available, of an

### DAVID TEMPLE ROBERTS takes soundings in Whitehall

immediate withdrawal of Western forces from Germany.

This is a sudden, and at first sight, surprising suggestion. But careful readers of the articles of the American columnist, Walter Lippmann, will have noticed that his vague thesis that the United States should "withdraw from Europe" has recently been narrowed down by the proposition that American troops should pull out of Germany. At the same time he asks America to enter into firm military guarantees backed by staff conversations with the powers represented in the Brussels Pact—England, Benelux and France.

The idea that British, American and French troops should withdraw from Germany would entirely change the international balance of forces—if it were carried out.

### Soviet Satellite

NATURALLY the Big Powers—Britain, the United States and Russia—have an inclination to withdraw from Germany. Russia is expected to announce the withdrawal of her forces from her Eastern Zone after the conclusion of a peace treaty with an Eastern zone government, soon to be set up. This new Soviet satellite would found its strength on the newly drafted German armed police. Since the Conference of Eastern European Foreign Ministers in Warsaw in the early summer, this has been the obvious denouement of Soviet policy in Germany.

Probably these steps would have been taken sooner if the blockade of Berlin had had the expected result. That expected result was either the withdrawal of Western personnel from Berlin entirely, or the decline of the status of the West in Berlin to that of the Western elements in the Control Councils that ruled Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria before the conclusion of satellite treaties.

But this has not happened. The Soviet Union has had to delay its policy for Eastern Germany. It has not abandoned the policy. Instead, the Western Powers have been given the opportunity to make this vital important gesture—the withdrawal of occupation forces—prior to a similar Russian gesture.

While the tension continues in Berlin, American and Russian forces stand opposite one another at the Brandenburg Gate. While the forces of the two giant Powers are so close together, there is an acute danger of a war that neither of the two Powers wishes. It makes that assumption. It follows that both these great Powers, and Britain as well, are tempted by the prospects of withdrawal, which would prevent their forces coming into local and damaging conflict.

### Political Advantage

NATURALLY, neither of those Powers will withdraw at any price. Both reckon a withdrawal advantageous, if it can be engineered to give a political advantage. Part of the political advantage will, of course, be gained by whichever of the two powers leaving German governments at least, apparently, to their own devices.

In the assessment of possible political advantages, the Russians must reckon that their disciplined SED party and their new police force, will keep Eastern Germany in their Eastern sphere. Against that the can reckon that the Marshall Plan is showing its worth, and that there are powerful movements of hidden opposition to the SED in Eastern Germany which will, some day, bring back all Germany to the "Western" fold.

Moreover, the Government we expect in Frankfurt in January could be offered a peace treaty and, with good fortune, and political wisdom, that might come with responsibility, could rally round it all German energies to build a future. The "Battle for the soul" of Germany would then begin—without the soul itself being in pawn in one shop, with the pawn-ticket held in alien hands.

But how does this plan of withdrawal look to European eyes? For Russia and America, it is an advantage to control their respective sphere of Europe through alliances—one in the East, the other in the West. To Europeans the scene is differently set. The British Foreign Office has to consider these European points of view—although, even since Mr. Bevin's speech on Western defence, there have been moments when the interests of what are called "minor powers" have been somewhat neglected.

### French Initiative

TO the east and west of Germany, Poland and France must, as so often, share something of the same attitude. In Paris, the French initiative to make rapid advances towards a proper Western Union comes from a desire to have, for once, firm guarantees against a German advance.

France feels vulnerable to the Red Army, and the only consolation she has had recently has been the assurance that if the Red Army advanced towards the Atlantic it would meet the small contingents of American and British forces in Germany. The result, presumably, would be atomic retaliation. The withdrawal of troops from Germany that we are considering, would leave France and the Benelux countries (and neutral Switzerland) defended only by an alliance that has not yet been translated into sound military terms.

In fact, there is still confusion in Western Union. Whether and how the Iberian Peninsula can be a part of the Western strategy; how many, and by whom equipped, shall be the land forces in France, Belgium and the Netherlands; to what extent does Anglo-American strategy regard Western Europe as a "defensive belt" rather than the last line of a defence; these three multiple questions must be settled in favour of the French viewpoint before the men of the Quai d'Orsay will agree to a policy of troop withdrawals from Germany. And the French control an important zone in Germany; that is often overlooked by casual commentators—British and American.

Turning to the other end of Europe the position of Poland, particularly, and other "Russian sphere countries" also, is worth notice. Do Poles believe that the withdrawal of Russian forces from Eastern Germany would mean their withdrawal to the present frontier of the Soviet Union?

### Future Of Poland

CONTRADICTORY reports of the numbers of the Red Army stationed in Poland after westward. Certainly many Polish Army officers can speak Russian better than Polish. Would not this process be carried further? Even a Communist in Poland can see no future in his country following the small Baltic States into the status of a Soviet Republic.

I can well imagine, too, that however many assurances are given to Poland, any far-seeing Polish leader today is fearful that the SED in Germany will be bolstered by offers of fragments in Polish Silesia that was cut from Germany under the Yalta decision.

No European historian can forget that at the Treaty of Rapallo after the First World War, the Soviet Union scored a diplomatic coup by making a treaty with Weimar Germany to the exclusion, and consternation of Britain, France and Italy. One cynical Pole said that what he feared most was a similar treaty—between Russia and her SED German satellite. Wittingly, he called it the Treaty of Zaccapan, his favourite holiday resort in southern Poland of high-ranking Polish and Russian leaders. It would be at the expense of Poland. The decision, whether to withdraw troops will have to be

## The army nobody took seriously

by BRIGADIER FITZROY MACLEAN, M.P.

FOR more than two thousand years—ever since the capture of Jerusalem by Pompey in 65 B.C.—no one had thought of the Jews as a military force. An intellectual, artistic, financial force, perhaps; but not a military force.

Now the sweeping victories of the Israeli forces, their emergence as a small but very effective modern army, have basically altered not only the military but the political situation in the Middle East.

No one was further out in his estimate of Jewish military effectiveness than King Farouk of Egypt. Here, it seemed to him, was a heaven-sent opportunity of restoring by a successful war his own position, threatened by a hostile Wafd. It seemed an opportunity, too, of stealing a march on his ally and rival, King Abdullah of Transjordan. With flags flying, drums beating, and a special issue of postage stamps to celebrate his victory in anticipation, Farouk sent the Egyptian Army marching over the frontier into Palestine to the aid of what it was convenient to regard as their Arab brethren.

Unlike the newly created Israeli Army, the Egyptian Army had a certain military tradition. For 40 years, until after the First World War, it was equipped, trained, and, above all, officered by the British.

### No experience

But thereafter, to spare the susceptibilities of the Egyptian nationalists, the British officers were withdrawn and Egyptians substituted. British equipment, British uniforms, and the elements of British parade-ground drill remained, but British leadership and organising ability were lacking.

Also lacking was actual fighting experience, for in two world wars the Egyptians had wisely left the defence of their country to the British Army.

This was one of the chief differences between the Israeli and Egyptian Armies. Most of the Israeli troops, whether Jews or soldiers of fortune, had experience of modern warfare, gained with the Allied Forces during the war, in the European resistance movements, or in the guerrilla war against our own forces in Palestine.

In the Israeli Air Force were 250 trained pilots, most of whom had served in the RAF or United States Air Force.

The Egyptians were conscripts, fighting against their will in a foreign country for a king who had done little to endear himself.

The Jews were largely volunteers, fighting fanatically for a cause which meant everything to them.

And so, after an initial advance across the Sinai Desert into the barren Negev, an advance which was only successful because it was unopposed, and which gave them unduly prolonged lines of communication, the Egyptians soon found themselves engaged in a bitter, savage war, which from the first seemed unlikely to provide the easy victory which their king had hoped for.

### Nothing left

The result is that nothing is left of the four Egyptian brigades which entered Palestine save a few pockets of demoralised troops, cut off from their base, and that practically the whole of the Negev is in Jewish hands.

Another result is that King Farouk's proteges, the Mufli, and his Government of Arab Palestine, have had to exchange their precarious seat in Gaza, now completely encircled by Israeli forces, for the security of Cairo.

Nor have the Israeli forces been less successful elsewhere. They have more than held their own against the invading forces of Syria, the Lebanon and Iraq, while in a brief offensive they completely routed the guerrilla Army of National Liberation led by the Albanian Moslem adventurer, Fawzi Krukli, and occupied the whole of Galilee. They now effectively control more than half of Palestine.

### Standing firm

Today, of the five hostile "armies" which a few weeks ago threatened the new Jewish State, only one is still a force to be reckoned with. Well disciplined, well equipped and well led, King Abdullah's Arab Legion, standing firm on the positions which it occupied at the outset of the campaign, remains undefeated.

If anything, King Abdullah's hand has been strengthened by the setbacks of his allies, which he has certainly done little to prevent. From the first there has been little active co-operation between the Arab leaders, had no wish to see Abdullah unite Arab Palestine to Transjordan and emerge as the ruler of a Greater Arab State.

If Abdullah is ready to come to terms and if, as is generally believed, the Israeli Government are also prepared to talk, it may well be that the temporary eclipse of the more intransigent Arab powers will open the way for a compromise between Transjordan and Israel.

## The Russian Window

BERLIN. NATURAL gas, in huge quantity, is more than a pipe dream.

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Since the end of the war this system has been extended to many other cities. With their passion for statistics, the Russians estimate that the supplying of one city, Kiev, with cheap gas saves annually one million tons of Donetsk coal, half a million tons of wood fuel, 10,000 tons of peat, and 80 million tons of petroleum products.

TROUBLE is incubating in the little town of Kriyitshy. . . . .

KROKODIL, the Russian comic paper, has found an answer to the Russian equivalent of the question: "Why does a hen cross the road?"

It does it to get away from the little White Russian town of Kriyitshy, where eggs hardly ever get a chance to hatch out. The local bureaucrats are too fond of them.

In May, 1947, 2,000 eggs were put into incubators in the town. They were inspected frequently. In fact, they were inspected so frequently that in the end only five were left.

The survivors were put under a hen; she succeeded in hatching out two. Cost of these two eggs to the State was £1,500; revenue from the sale

Moscow-fed news circulating in the Russian Zone is the basis of this digest of the Soviet viewpoint



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(legitimate) of the two chickens, 6s.

A second batch of 20,000 eggs was sent to the same incubators, and again all but 1,200 were eaten by the stuff. Krokodil concludes: "There is nothing peculiar about that. Eggs, especially the yolks, are very good for the voice. Officials sing very nicely in the incubator centres of White Russia. Director Shurayeff sings especially beautifully."

EVEN if Zhdanov is gone, nobody is to be allowed to forget him.

MARIUPOL has been renamed Zhdanovsk. In honour of Alexander Zhdanov. Born in Mariupol, Zhdanov died suddenly in Moscow on August 31.

Monuments to Zhdanov are to be erected in Moscow and Leningrad, and theatres, universities, and industrial plants all over the Union will now bear his name.

TITO STILL hopes to do one kind of deal with the Soviet.

A YUGOSLAV trade mission, headed by the Minister of Foreign Trade, Popovitch, has gone to Moscow for trade talks with the Soviet Union. This is the first official Yugoslav delegation to the Soviet Union since Tito and Co. were expelled from the Cominform. The economic sanctions applied by Russia and Cominform countries had caused the Yugoslavs to look elsewhere for their foreign trade.

The Yugoslav trade mission at present in London is trying to buy oil, raw wool, and cotton yarn—all previously imported from Russia and the Eastern European countries.

Large British purchases of Soviet maize, the Russians think, have lowered Yugoslavia's hopes of paying for her British imports with her large maize surplus. The Yugoslav delegation in Moscow will try to make a trade deal with the Soviet for 1949.

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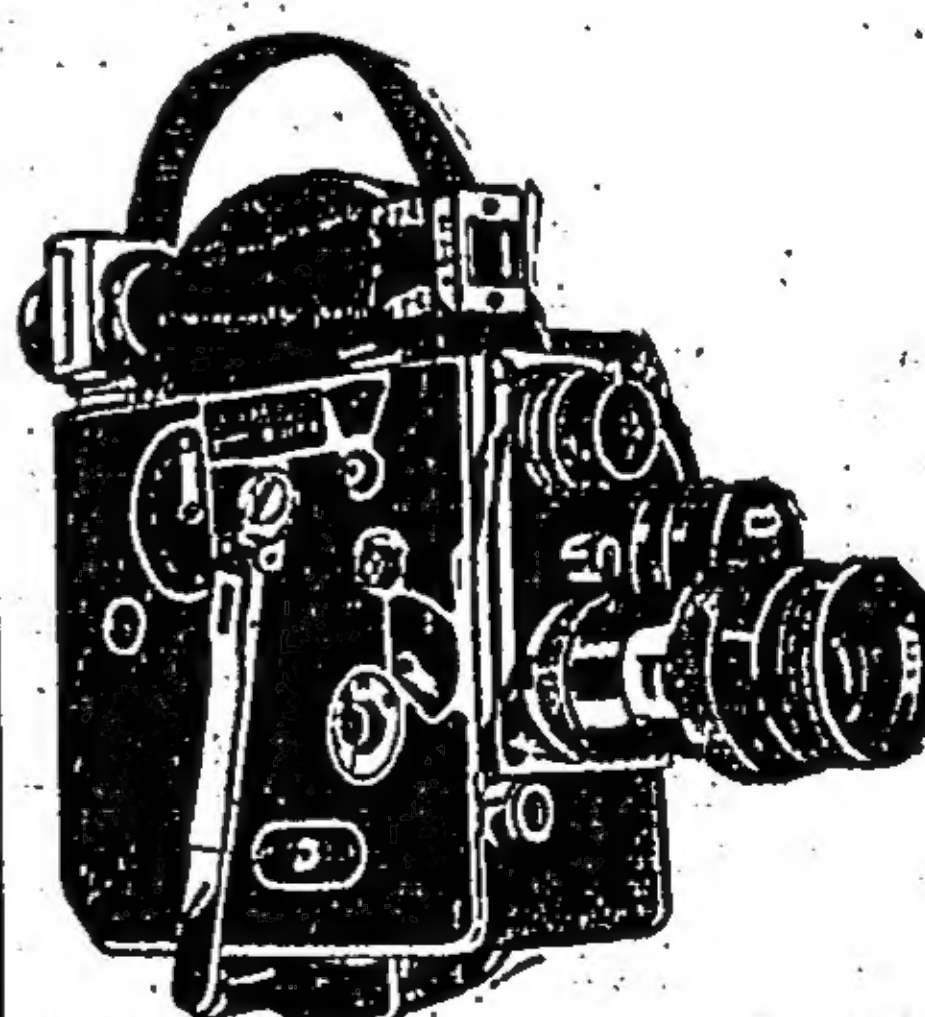
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TWO photos taken at the wedding last Saturday of Mr Stephen Jung and Miss Nancy Eu. Right: the bride and groom leaving the Hop Yat Church. Above: scene at the reception during the cutting of the wedding cake. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs Arne Jonson look over some of their wedding gifts from their friends. They were married at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. The bride was Miss Lise Kiergaard. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR A. di Arculli, Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, with some of his officers and guests at the annual dinner of the Brigade last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: The Rev. G. N. Stevenson (in dark suit), the new Minister of the Hongkong Union Church, was welcomed by members of the Church at a reception last week. With him is Mr J. Finnie, chairman of the Management Committee of the Church. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Kan Yuet-hing and his bride, formerly Miss Diane Lee, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

THE annual bazaar of St Mary's Church was held last Saturday. Mrs Lambert Kwok, who opened it, is seen in picture below with the Rev. Ronald Koh, Dr Chau Wai-cheung, chairman of the Church Committee, and Archdeacon Lee Kau-yan. Next is a general view of the hall where the bazaar was held. Right: three visitors — Canon Paul Tso, the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie and Canon E. W. L. Martin. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MONSIEUR G. Anduxo-Faris, chairman of the board of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (in centre facing camera), photographed at a cocktail party given in his honour at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. (Ming Yuen)

MR Alfonso Kosau and Miss Annie Chen, who were married at the Registry last Saturday. (Francis Wu)



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Left: Hardy Amies' two-tiered caped coat with a wide wrap-over front in dark brown cloth. Right: Victor Stiebel puts a beige corduroy jacket with a curved, stiffened hip-line over a saffron yellow skirt with unpressed fullness; worn with it is a deep golden yellow brocade blouse.

## Britain's 'Thank You' For Food Parcels

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Nov. 8. OUTSIDE Butlin's building in Oxford Street, flags of all the British countries of the world are flying.

Britain is saying "Thank you," with a pictorial display, for all the food parcels that have been sent from all over the world. The Queen herself came to open the exhibition, which is sponsored by the Ministry of Food and the Colonial Office. She made a speech, as simple and short as those that everyone who has had packages of food would like to make. If they had her charm at turning a grateful phrase.

The exhibition itself was a "film strip" of photographs stretching around the room. Each "frame" of this film showed eager people all over the world packing up parcels, sending them off, wishing Britain well with gifts to enliven a rather dull diet.

I must admit that I have seen this exhibition with the same layout before. It is an ingenious design, made I am assured, as cheaply as possible. Blue curtains, in neatly pleated folds, surround the "exhibition space." Thin wooden rods painted white run from floor to ceiling to support the "mock film" of photographs. To attract attention to particular photographs, pieces of cord whitened with tennis canvases shoe bianco run diagonally from popermache posts towards the outline of the photograph to be spotlighted.

## Framed Letters

After a long series of photographs of pioneers of Empire, at remote railheads, with due tribute to the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, you come to a series of framed letters, the first signed by

the Minister of Food, beautifully typed, on official notepaper; after that, grateful and more homely, letters from all the countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The organisers have made an effort to estimate just what weight of parcels have come from overseas. All countries have contributed; but Canada tops the list. In the last two years she has sent 54,485,000 pounds of food in bulk. Australia has sent nearly as much. My statistician informs me that if all the peaches were put into the Serpentine, there would be no room for the swans! The figure from Australia represents 4½ pounds of food from every man and woman in Australia. This is the highest praise.

## Hongkong's Gifts

I met a man at this exhibition who was wandering round asking rather cynically how many million pounds had been stolen en route. He told me that he wrote a "Thank you" letter for a parcel he received from Hongkong recently. The kind donor replied that he was most grateful for the letter, and glad to hear the parcel had arrived, as he had sent five parcels previously! When these parcels come to England, and they are really very gratefully received, they are either sent direct to particular addresses or, in the case of the larger packages, are broken open (not by dockyard thieves) and sent to depots that distribute their contents primarily to ex-service men, particularly the maimed and needy.

This is Britain's gesture of "Thank you." Her thanks go also to CARE, the vast American organisation which has bought and distributed to Britain and Europe parcels of food of real value—and greatly appreciated.

Victoria Chappelle, internationally known fashion writer, reports that the Eighteenth Century shows its influence in the new coats

UNANIMOUSLY the important London designers ignored the temptation to introduce any kind of exaggerations in their winter collections. They have smoothed shoulders, rounded every line and left it at that, with the result that the clothes which the buyers saw in the London houses are wearable as well as extremely elegant.

## ACCENT ON ELEGANCE IN NEW COLLECTIONS

Women will not be asked to neocustom themselves to drastically new lines, but they will enjoy wearing the high First Empire collars, the caped coats, the capes. Clothes need not be fussy to be feminine.

Sketched here are a selection of models from six members of the Incorporated Society of

London Fashion Designers. Each one shows plainly the handwriting of the designer concerned, but no sketch can do justice to the perfect cut and finish of the original—the details for which buyers are coming more and more to London.

First the caped coat from Hardy Amies. This has a double tier beneath a collar cut

the neck and wide revers; this has an unusual double sleeve, the flared top being three-quarter length and the lower more or less fitting to the wrist.

Creed has almost a fanatical interest in the First Empire (and his family has close connections with the Second Empire, for his greatgrandfather made the little Prince Imperial's

first tailored suit) and his house is full of Napoleonic relics—hence his constant preoccupation with the fashions of the period.

Third is a Victor Stiebel contribution in black cloth; this simple, attractive coat has rounded shoulders, waist and hips with raised stitched bands

on the skirt. It is worn with a limegreen sequin embroidered cravat which gives a surprising touch of sheer sophistication to an elegant outfit.

## Contrasting Fabrics

NEXT the suits. Nothing could have looked simpler than these; analysed, they often proved to have the most intricate work put into them. Material was used as a trimming in cunning bands and straps; on the belts of plain woollen skirts sequins glittered alluringly; insets of contrasting fabric were used again and again.

Victor Stiebel combines a beige corduroy jacket with a curved stiffened hip-line accented by the material used against the grain with a saffron yellow skirt, its unpressed fullness spreading out towards the hem; with it he puts a deep golden yellow brocade blouse.

Corduroy is a leading material in many of the collections, often allied to velvet as in the Digby Morton model illustrated here. This butter-scotch-coloured velvet suit jacket has a plain velvet waist-belt, shoulders and collar, but the sleeves and the wide band between waist and shoulders and again round the hips, together with the skirt are corduroy. For the rest, it is simplicity itself, with a moderate shawl-type collar, full peplum and slim skirt.

## Supple Tweeds

PETER Russell, on the other hand, is largely using fine supple tweeds in colours which include an exquisite green which he calls Scotch Fir, another muted yellowish tone called Grape Fruit, Tudor Brick and Wisteria, none of which need any explanation.

The tweeds he uses come in two weights—one for the roomy top-coats (often with three-quarter sleeves) and another, lighter weight, for the dress or suits with matching or contrasted jackets. An excellent example is shown in the pink and black tweed suit illustrated here, with a skirt slit back, neat-waisted jacket and pockets not only in front but on the side panels as well.

## FUND FOR COMING BABY CROP

Chicago.—Notre Dame thinks it has the first "maternity fund" ever raised at a men's college.

The campaign's goal is \$5,000, and the money is to be used to defray expenses of married veterans attending the college.

The college announced that 100 births are expected in the next seven months to the 500 couples living at the college.—United Press.

Left: Digby Morton's butter-scotch coloured velvet suit-jacket with plain velvet waist-belt, shoulders and collar, and with corduroy sleeves, skirt and wide corduroy bands on jacket above and below the waist. Right: Peter Russell's pink and black tweed suit, slim and elegant, with skirt slit back and hip pockets not only in the front but at the back.



On the left is Creed's greeny-beige topcoat which owes much to First Empire influence in its standing collar, wide revers and double-breasted effect. By its side is a black two-piece coat by Victor Stiebel, highlighted by a lime-green sequined cravat. The coat has sloping shoulders, shawl-effect collar, and raised stitched bands on the full skirt.



ANNE EDWARDS reports with sketches by ROBB

## Four Girls... Four Hats, and Four Mistakes

THE sunshine was regarded with suspicion.... and the hat counters were thronged with a larger-than-usual crop of pretty girls trying on pretty hats. But

seldom was the right hat bought by the right girl. The four girls in the picture could have looked smarter—if only they had, all changed hats.

ANGELA is thirtyish and fat-faced. Her new velvet beret was both flattering and fattening. The hat she needs is the one Diana is wearing, with its tall height-giving peak and slimming close-to-the-skin design.

Bobbie is young and boyish and wears the new short-cut. Her "porringer" hat is the right shape, but the feather-on-the-check touch is much too sophisticated.

She would have looked better in the bonnet next door.

CLARE has a face with slick, hard features that could take Bobbie's hat with the addition of a feather. Clare is a little too sophisticated for a bonnet, even when it is in panther fur with gloves to match.

DIANA—a typically British type—tops her long, serious face with a port plixie cap; it is the hardest to wear of all the new hat fashions. The flat and fattening beret that makes Angela look like a pudding would have made Diana look elegant.

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## Keep Your Wardrobe Looking New

By ELEANOR ROSS

BEAUTIFUL hats coming up for the new season, hats that are well worth the bit of trouble it will take to keep them looking as nice, as fresh, as crisp, as when they were first lifted from their tissue paper wrappings. Notice when you get the hat home, how it was nestled in tissue paper when you return the hat to its box. The tissue is wadded in a certain manner to hold veiling crisp and in place. It stuffs the crown and is so placed that it may be drawn around the hat making a sort of inner box.

Care starts with the donning of a hat. Don't just take it out of the box and put on your head. Slip the hat on carefully, from the front, for a flat-top; from back to front if you sport bangs.

Hats should be brushed or wiped after each wearing. Use a soft brush or a piece of velvet on felt hats. Fabric stretched over buckram takes a good cleaning with an art gum eraser. French chalk, rubbed in and brushed out, in one quick operation, does a good job on pastel felts, the type that are so popular this season, especially in off-white shades. Or you can go over the entire hat, very lightly, with fine sandpaper.

Use cleaning fluid to keep ribbon trims fresh, and don't forget to remove powder and perspiration from the inner head band frequently, with cleaning fluid.

### Raindrops on Felt

Don't cry over rain-spotted felts. Dry them out, and then, with a gentle, circular motion, use a piece of chambray or fine sandpaper to banish the spots. Occasionally steam felts, velvets and other napped materials. Hold the hat well above the spout of a steaming kettle and brush very lightly.

Revive clusters of flowers by shaking gently over steam. Featherers and large flowers that become

bent or out of shape may be gently but firmly finger-pressed as you steam them. Curl petals around a pencil the same way. Ribbons usually can come off for a bath. Press out kinks with a warm iron, and use scissors to trim frayed edges. You can trim up flower petals, too. Restiffen droopy veils by pressing between two sheets of waxed paper. Or rinse them in sugar water and stretch smooth to dry. Veils not attached to hats should be wound around a cardboard cylinder when not in use.

If you've never gone in for hat trimming, it is a good idea to invest a little something in some ribbon, a flower or two, a quill, and try your hand at remodelling and retrimming a favourite felt hat. You may be pleasantly surprised at a new and most useful and interesting talent.

Both brushed wool and brushed rayon need a good brush-up to fluff the surface after laundering. Before this is begun, the pieces must be perfectly dry. They should have been dried away from artificial heat and should be flat so there'll be no stretching. To speed up the drying process, roll the pieces in a clean, absorbent towel for a few minutes after rinsing.

### An Idea

Do the men in your household wreck linen towels when they clean razors or razor blades? One reader offers a good idea.

She makes little razor towels and hangs them smack by the wash basin in each bathroom. The towels are made out of outing flannel, squares that are hemmed all around and then have a loop attached. A yard of outing flannel will yield at least a dozen of these useful linen-saving towels.

From the same friend comes another sensible suggestion. If there isn't time to wash and dry beverage glasses after an evening party, fill each one with soapy water and let stand. They will be twice as easy to wash in the morning if this is done, as it prevents the formation of sticky sediment that is so hard to dislodge once it has settled.

### Another Hint

From a housewife comes a list of questions that we have attended to plus a good idea for work clothes cure. When work-clothes have become grease-spotted, she has found that a simple procedure will make the task of cleaning much simpler. The grease-spotted areas are soaked in kerosene for half an hour or so, and then laundered. This is a good tip, too, in households where boys tinker with bicycles, or men with the family car.

## How To Cure The Problem-Eating Child . . .

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph. D.

WHEN the child is served far too large helpings he is likely to turn out a "problem-eating" child. Indeed, he at two, three or five may be served large helpings of several foods all together. When this same child was only six or eight months old he probably had a particular food pushed into him beyond the time when he enjoyed it, and often so fast he could not masticate and swallow it comfortably.

If I could get over to young mothers this simple rule, "Only one food served at a time and very, very, very small helpings," they would rarely face eating problems with the child. Well, they might try one food at a time, for a while at least, and suppose the helping is small. But "small" may mean to them a teaspoonful, even a tablespoonful. I want it to mean not more than an eighth of a teaspoonful, merely big enough to be visible.

### Two-Year-Old

Suppose the child is two years old and you give him a tablespoonful of mashed carrots. He doesn't like and you end his meal if he does not clean up these carrots. He may hold out and have no more food till the next meal. If you hold out, the chances are you won't hold out. Yet how much easier it had been for him and you if the amount had been no bigger than a lima bean. In case the child were older, the small helping would all the more certainly and quickly lead to the desired results.

Suppose there are two or more other foods you wish him to have at this meal. As soon as he has finished the very small portion of the first, give him a very small portion of the next, and so on. Better not choose more than one or two disliked foods at any meal. Soon the child may be begging for more of the food of which you have given him so little. Be sure the child gets no seconds till he has run the gamut, and that a second helping is no larger than the first.

### Large Second Helping

Even to give the child three, five or seven, who usually eats well, too large a second helping is bad. And if the child is allowed to serve himself a second see that he takes only a small portion. Always when he has more of any food than he cares to finish you are tempted to command him to finish it, which would be bad.

There is many a child over six or ten finicky over food. Expect him to eat of every food served the family. If either Father or Mother serves, the child should be asked to say how much of any food, just so the portion is visible. In some cases the child should be allowed to serve himself of certain foods he does not like very well. What you are driving at is to cultivate the habit of eating what is served and all of it. Be sure, therefore, that the serving is as small as the child desires it to be. Often such a food soon became a favourite. The simple secret is very, very, small helpings.

## WOULD-BE ACTRESSES



Mrs Ruthel Provot, instructor, points to an imaginary accident to get the reactions of applicants for admission to the New York School of Performing Arts. The girls are (left to right): Anne Krumbeln, Inge Becker and Phyllis Wein.

## STIRRING TIMES! MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOW

THERE are many varieties of that sweet which is known as a hasty pudding, but the Christmas pudding is not one of them.

It should be the most leisurely pudding existence.

When eaten in haste by over-eager youth the result may be disastrous, but is usually only temporary. If, however, it is made in a hurry, the result will be both permanent and deplorable. Queer things can happen to Christmas puddings made at the last moment. They are apt to get mixed up with the Christmas shopping, and may turn up as bulges in the stockings of small boys in place of the long-awaited footballs.

If any one says "Don't be absurd! You cannot get a football into a stocking," all I can reply is, "What on earth is the use of all these marvellous, unladderable stockings, if you cannot cram them with foot-

balls (or Christmas puddings) if you want to?"

Anyway, it is high time that I started talking about such things. A month is no great time for a plum pudding to mature in (a year is really better), but it is sheer waste of labour and material to make and eat it in a matter of hours.

The only reason why I give my recipe is that I know of no better one. It is old and tried and excellent. I have only had one complaint about it in my life.

That was from a lady who reported that the pudding looked a very nice pudding while it was in its basin, but that on emerging thence it looked just like a plain. Briefly, the thing collapsed or was a flop.

### The Ingredients

SHE had obviously totally submerged the pudding in the boiling, and filled it full of water. The basins should, of course, be stood in the water with their rims well out of it. A most important point.

Here are the parts which make the splendid whole:

- 1 lb. shredded beef suet,
- 1 lb. Demerara sugar,
- 1 lb. currants,
- 1 lb. sultanas,
- 1 lb. raisins,
- 1 lb. mixed candied peel (using more orange and lemon than citron)
- 2 lbs. breadcrumbs,
- 1/2 lb. almonds,
- 1 teaspoonful salt,
- 1 teaspoonful mixed spice,
- 3 eggs.

At least a gill of brandy. Having cleaned and peeled the raisins, chopped the peel, and blanched and chopped the almonds, you put all the ingredients into a basin and keep on stirring them until they are thoroughly blended.

Give another good stirring, and encourage the time-honoured custom of inviting every one within reach to share in the ceremony. It gives your arm a rest.

Now cover the basin with a cloth and let it stand on one side until next day.

Then divide the mixture into conveniently sized buttered pudding basins and boil for twelve hours. The time required on Christmas Day will be another three hours.

Before leaving the puddings for the equally indispensable mince pies, let me calm some possible misgivings by saying that I have not omitted flour from the recipe by mistake. I have left it out on purpose.

### To Make Mince-meat

THE mince-meat is another old and trusted friend, for Christmas does not seem to me a time for rash experiments.

When the foretold and horrifying epoch of tabloid meals arrives, at least, you still make tables groan. The other sort of meals should make them groan enough.

The mince-meat consists:—

- 1 lb. raisins,
- 1/2 lb. sultanas,
- 1/2 lb. currants,
- 2 lbs. shredded beef suet,
- 1 lb. Demerara sugar,
- 1/2 lb. mixed candied peel,
- Half a small nutmeg,
- 1/2 lb. apples,
- 1/2 teaspoonful salt.

The rind of one lemon and the juice of half a lemon. At least a gill of brandy.

Peel and core the apples and chop them finely, as also the mixed peel, lemon rind, and raisins. Grate the nutmeg and put everything except the brandy into a basin, and stir well together.

Then add the brandy, mix it well in with the rest, cover the basin with a cloth and let it stand, like the pudding until next day. Give another good stir, pack the mince-meat into jars, and cover them.

## Apply Rouge With Light Hand



If your face is very wide, minimize its width by applying a little rouge to your ear lobes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BLUSHING, about the only trick a smart woman can't learn seems to have done a disappearing act. So the rouge compact came into action. It makes for freshness of appearance, gives accent to the complexion, boosts morale. A pleasing appearance of the lady in the looking glass, with whom one must live one's whole life long, makes for higher spirits and, believe it or not, it makes for better health. When a woman looks like a wreck, she feels terrible, and life is bitter.

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they have been used a reasonable time. Soiled pads are responsible for many cases of blackheads. They grind atmospheric dust into the pores when one does a little touch-up of the sacred phiz.

Always, before applying your paint, get the skin in proper condition. If it is excessively dry, use an oily foundation, rubbing most of it away. If oily, you may prefer the pan-cake type that gives the flesh a smooth coating. Read directions carefully on all these items. The correct means of application is important if results are to be glamorous.

If you will use a white lipstick at bed time you will get a smoother, neater surface when you use the rosy one. This practice is particularly necessary if you bite your lips. A bad habit if there ever was one. Learn how to make your rouge do tricks. For instance, if your face is wide, put a touch of colour on your ear lobes to minimise the width.

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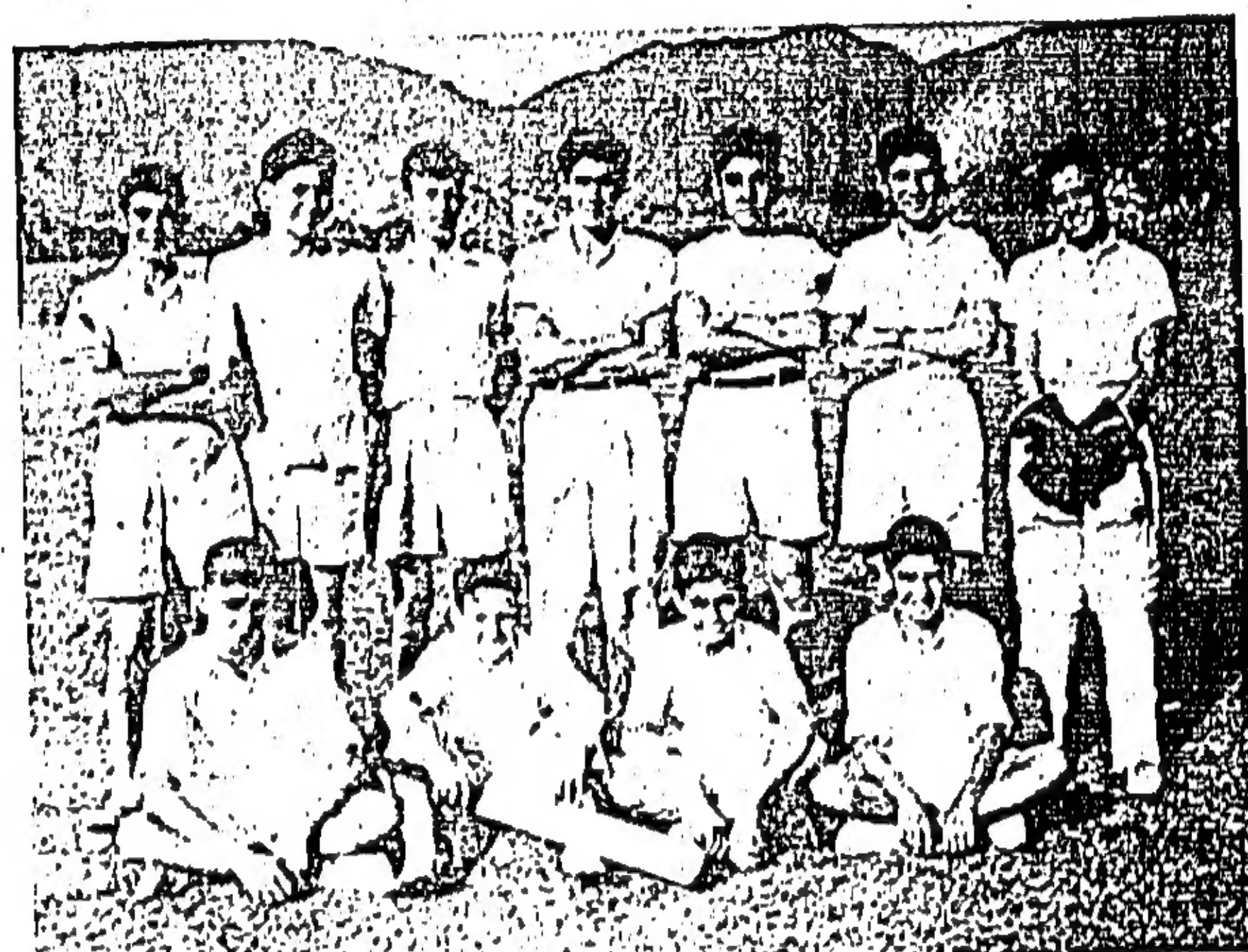
PHOTO taken after the christening recently of Archibald Macintosh, infant son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Crichton. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Stanley Charles Pascoe and his bride, formerly Miss Mabel Cecilia Swaino, photographed with their attendants after their wedding on Wednesday at St Margaret's Church. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



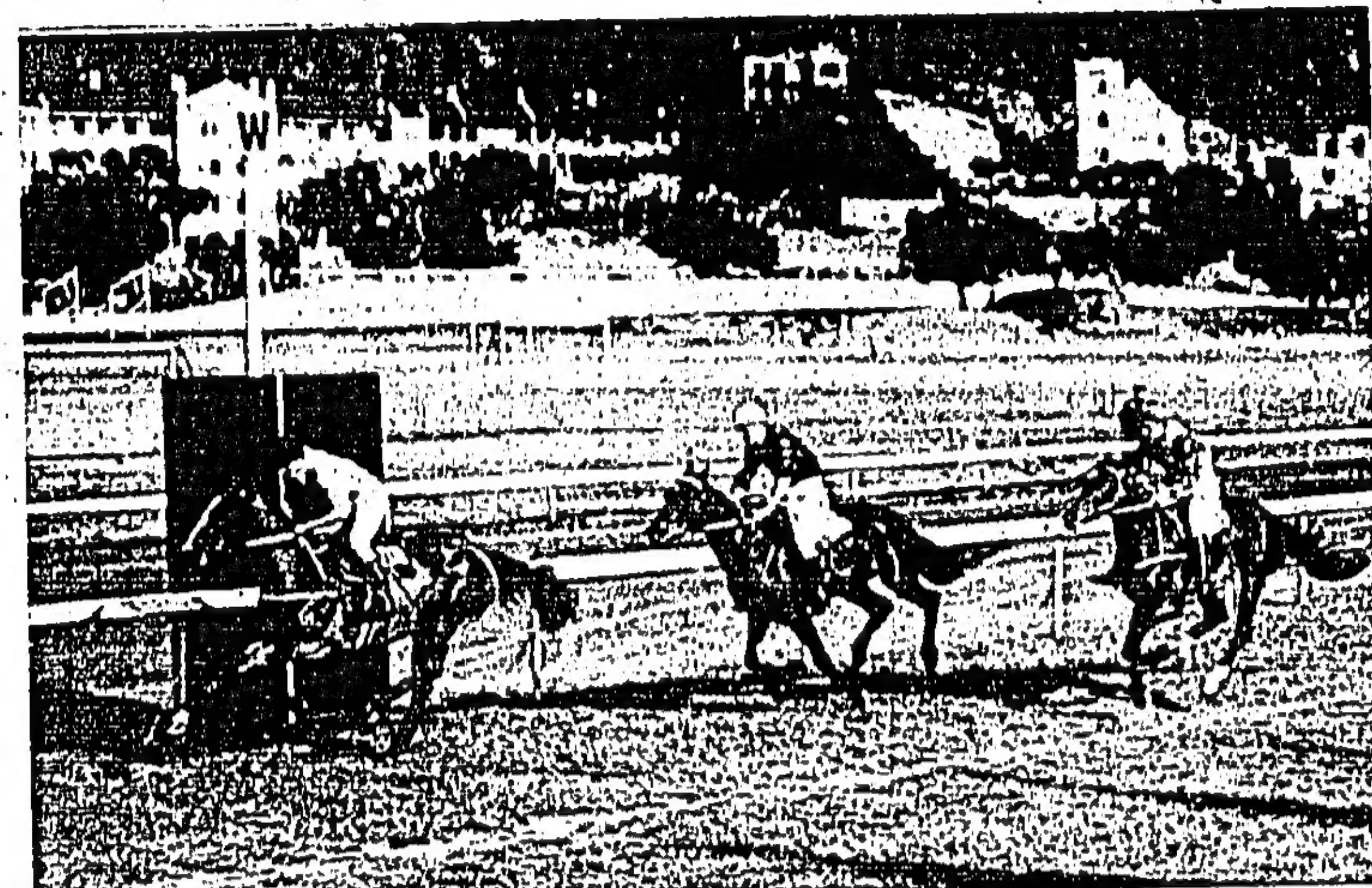
GROUP taken at Rosary Church last week after the wedding of Mr N. G. Ferreira and Miss M. C. Toledo. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



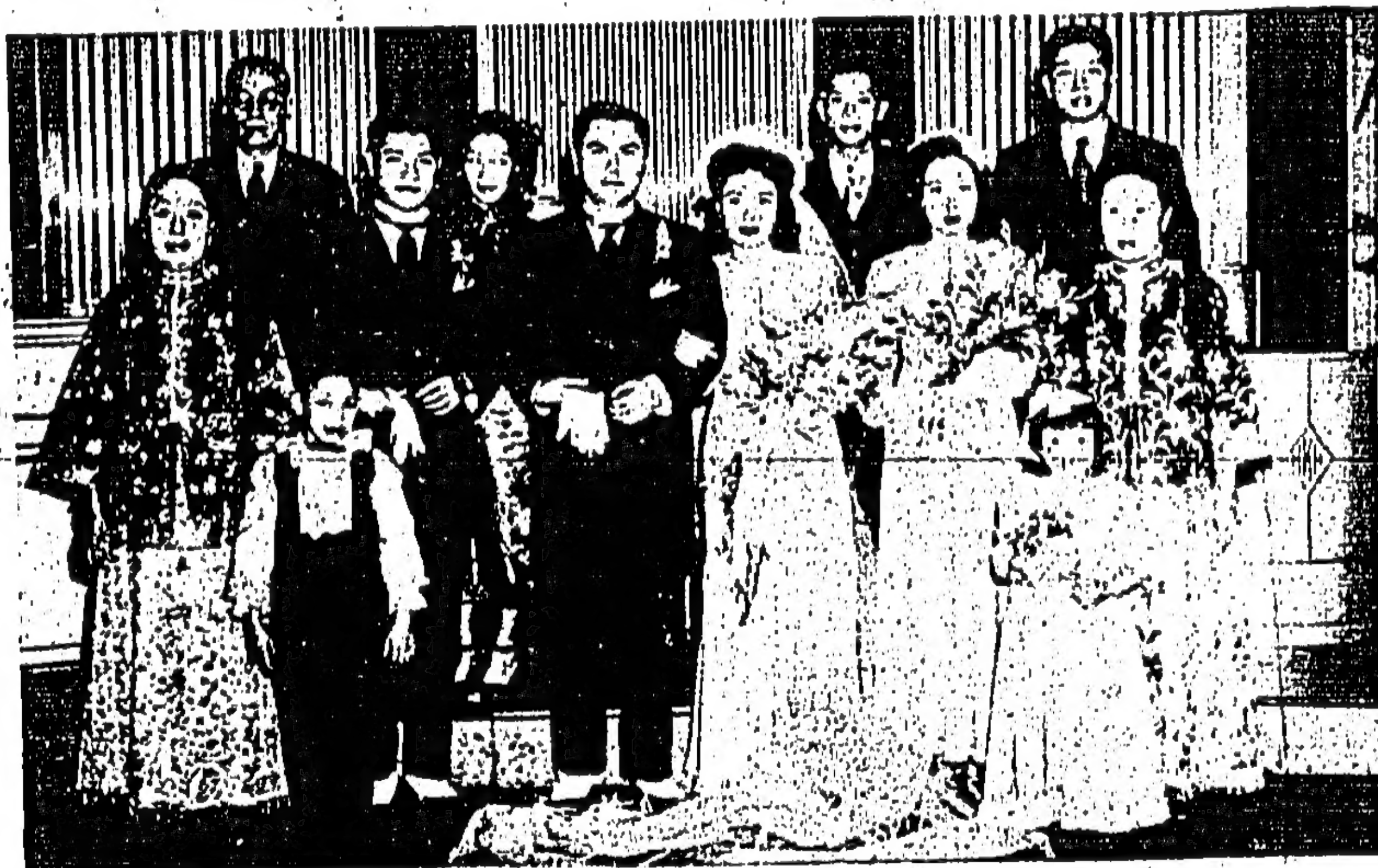
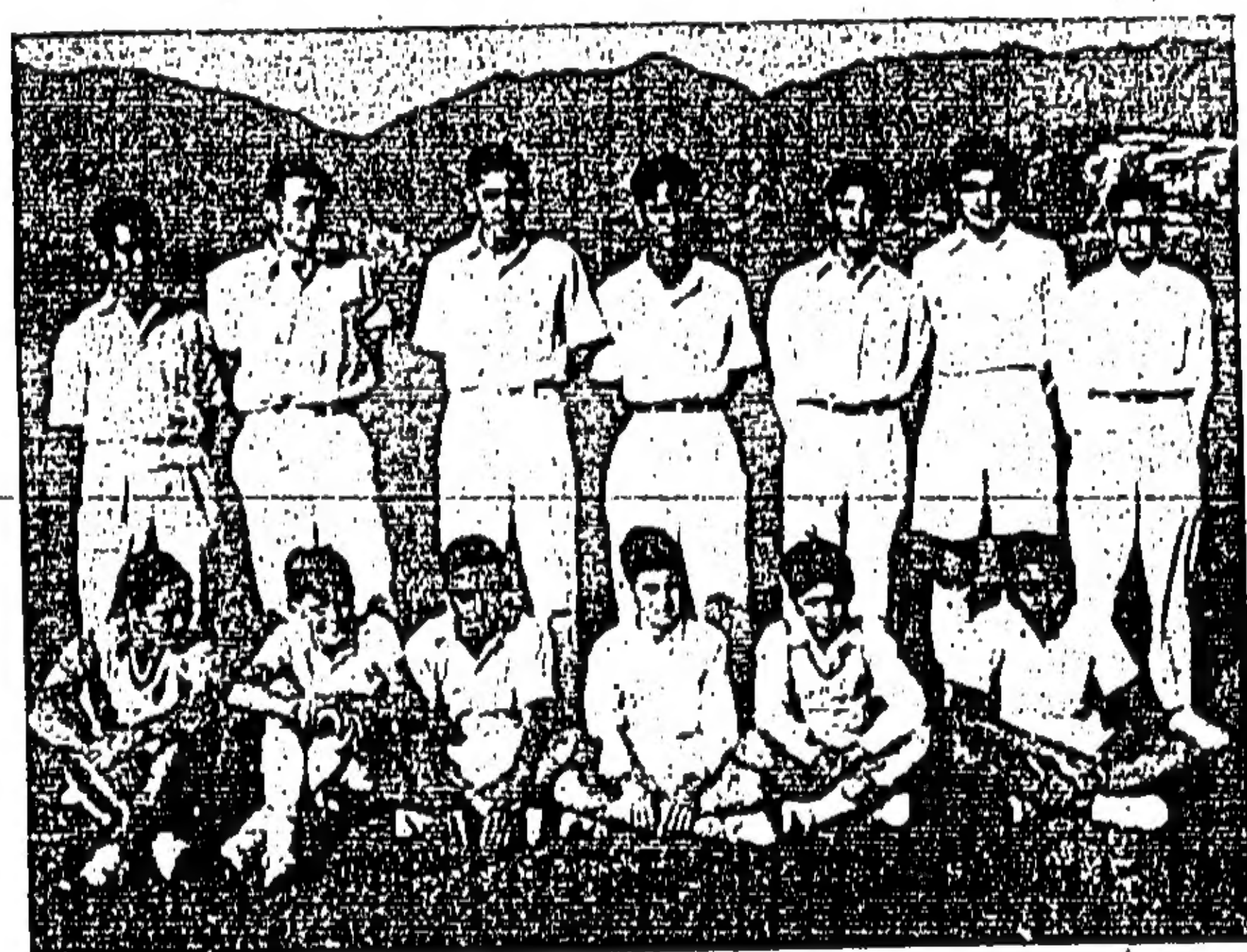
THE King George V School eleven (above) defeated a Diocesan Boys' School team (below) at a friendly cricket match last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)



ANOTHER wedding at the Rosary Church was that of Mr Jose da Luz and Miss Patricia Franco Castro, which took place on Wednesday. (Ming Yuen)



VJ-DAY, with Mr Kenneth Kwok up, passing the post at the Valley to win the St Andrew's Stakes last Saturday. Below: Mrs J. W. Anderson, wife of the Chief of St Andrew's Society, presents the cup to Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, owner of the winning pony. (Golden Studio)



PHOTOGRAPH taken at the wedding at the Hongkong Hotel last week of Mr Chan Shing-cheong and Miss Fan Pui-ying. (Ming Yuen)



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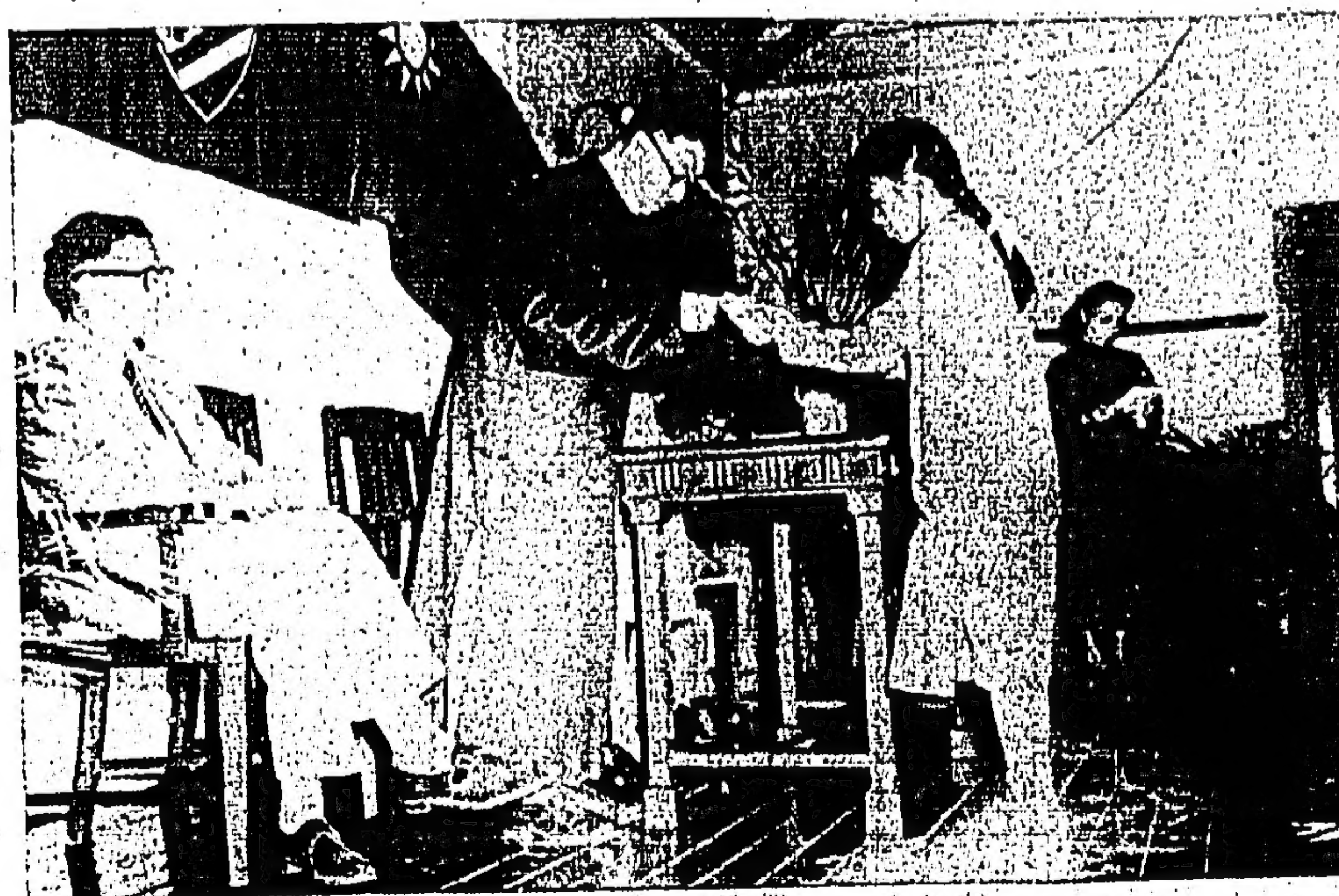
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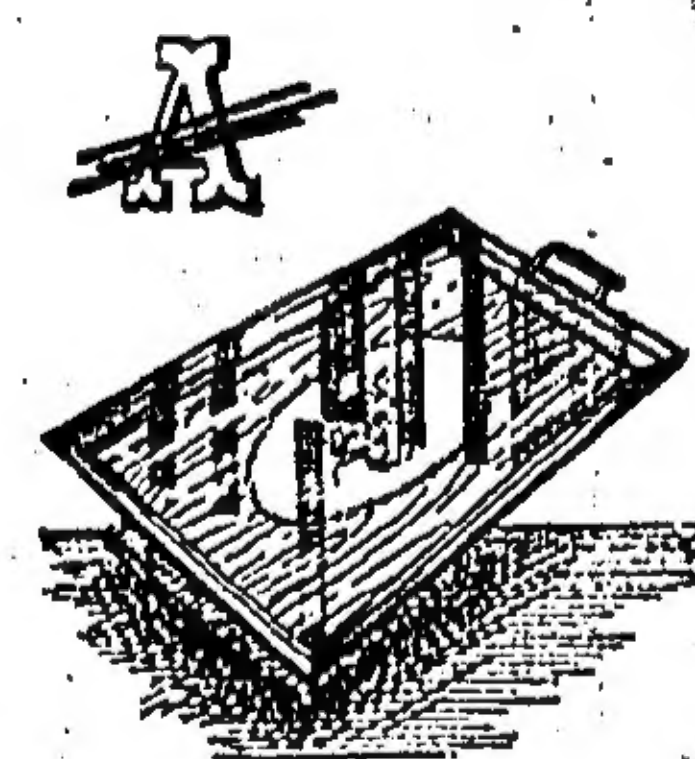
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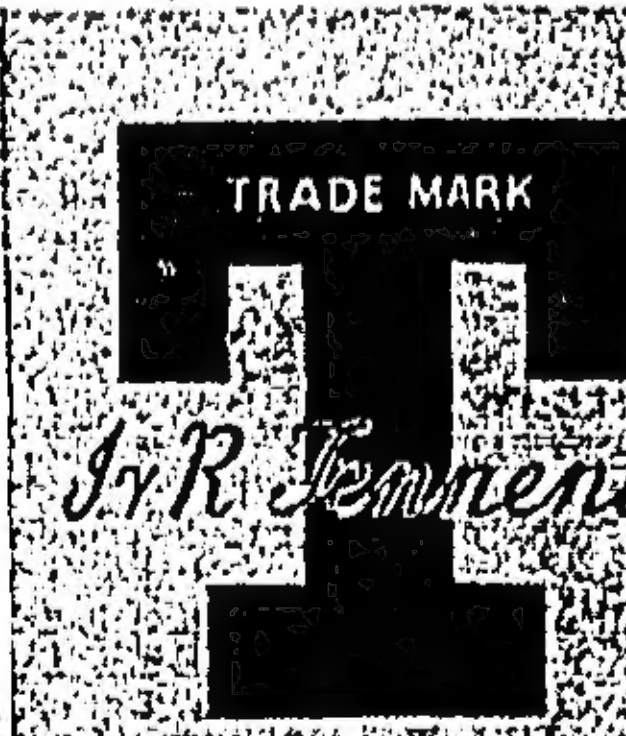
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PROFESSOR Ma Kiam distributing prizes at the annual prize day of the Ying Wah Girls' School last week. On the left is Mr M. G. O'Connor, Acting Director of Education. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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THE troopship was carrying me home from the South African War. I was twenty-one. There were so many things I wanted. First money, and a great deal of money; I had already known enough experience of having none.

I had tried many things and hated them, but I could not change my mind indefinitely. I fully realised that my next choice must be the last.

It was necessary that a decision should be made, and I reached it just as we entered the port of Teneriffe.

It was a somewhat inauspicious moment. I had been arrested by the sergeant-major for my final military offence.

A large portion of the duties of this estimable warrior had consisted in marching me under an appropriate guard into the presence of the appropriate tribunal, where he endeavoured somewhat incoherently to describe my varied crimes.

Upon this occasion, being pardonably and indeed justifiably annoyed by one of my more eloquent defences, he revenged himself on leaving the court by remarking, "Astings, you ought to be a bloody lawyer."

I was overcome with gratitude. "You are quite right, Sergeant-major," I said, "I shall."

When I arrived in London I found there was no home, and, of course, no money. I discovered that any effort I might make to earn a living I should have to make alone.

There is an idea very prevalent amongst parents that it is their duty to select a profession for their sons.

#### You must work for what you want

A long experience of men and things has satisfied me beyond any question that there is no reasonable objective which any man of ordinary intelligence cannot achieve, provided that he really wants it and really means to achieve it.

At least 90 per cent. of the failures in life are made up of people who either don't want anything very much or, if they do, don't really try very hard to get it. But how in the world is it possible for a man to try very hard at a profession that he never chose and probably never particularly wanted?

If only a father would realise that his son's life belongs to his son and not to himself it might be very much better for both of them.

## MOTHERS WANT THE PRINCESS'S DRUGS

LONDON.

By Eileen Ascroft

EVERY expectant mother should soon benefit by the two pain-killing drugs which were available for Princess Elizabeth.

They are pethidine—for the early stages of labour—and triline, administered before the birth.

The National Birthday Trust Fund—an organisation working for safer and happier motherhood—is urging that every midwife in the country should be allowed to use both drugs when attending cases on her own. At present they may only be administered if a doctor is present.

Both drugs have been proved harmless to mother and baby, and are pain-killers without inducing unconsciousness. They do not prevent the mother from co-operating with the midwife.

MANY doctors today are using these two drugs for their patients; and they are used in 75 per cent of hospital cases.

But as three-quarters of the nation's births are conducted by midwives, 500,000 mothers yearly are denied the relief offered by these two drugs.

Chief obstacle in the way of triline being generally used is that there is at present no suitable machine for administering the drug

when a case is being conducted single-handed by the midwife. British manufacturers are constantly experimenting. As soon as a suitable machine is invented, the National Birthday Trust Fund have promised to bear the cost of thorough tests among midwives. They have already made a grant to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for research into the triline drug.

Finally, the Government will be asked to amend the Dangerous Drugs Act to permit midwives to use the new triline machine.

At present only two kinds of relief are permitted by law to be used by midwives. One is the Minnet gas and air machine, which is fairly effective in the final stages of labour. It is a large and cumbersome machine, and the two cylinders have to be carried in addition to the apparatus itself. It is almost impossible for a midwife to carry it on a bicycle, and few midwives have cars.

A midwife may not use this machine unless she has received training in its use, but many machines still have no training.

Triline would be cheaper in use and far more convenient to carry, as even the largest machine invented so far is little bigger than a lib. honey jar, and would fit easily into the midwife's bag.

The other form of relief the midwife alone is permitted to give is a mixture of opium, provided she has received instruction in its administration.

This method is considered to be old-fashioned today and there is much against it. Many modern-trained midwives are not trained to use it at all.

Most competent authorities agree that the Dangerous Drugs Act should now be amended to permit the use of pethidine, which can be easily administered by the midwife by injection or by the mouth.

RECENTLY, a deputation headed by the chairman of Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital went to the Home Office.

They demanded that pethidine should be made available for every mother-to-be in the country. A Ministry official promised close consideration of their proposals.

At present, of all cases of childbirth only 40 per cent are treated by any form of relief. The other 60 per cent are still suffering as women did a hundred years ago.

Pethidine should be made available to every expectant mother to ease the early birth pangs. As soon as an efficient general triline machine is invented, this drug should also be made available to every mother-to-be.

## In this warm, human story of his life.....

Sir

*Patrick Hastings* K.C.

## ..... shows how the poorest boy can climb to the top of the ladder

So I became a temporary job-hunter of the worst possible sort. I thought of nothing else but that £100. Just as a small boy ticks off the days that stretch between him and his holidays, so I ticked off the shillings and even the pennies of my hoard.

The dramatic critic of the *Ladies Field* fell ill or died. His seat in the office was hardly cold before I was on the doorstep.

When I had accumulated £5 I became disturbed by the necessity of carrying such a huge sum upon my person. I opened a bank account, and I would not at that moment have changed places with Lord Rothschild.

I became political secretary to a gentleman who desired to become a Liberal Member of Parliament. It was another £2 a week.

#### Walking on in 'Julius Caesar'

I dallied with the stage. I persuaded Sir Herbert Tree to offer me a walking-on part for which I was to receive yet another £2 a week.

Unfortunately the play was "Julius Caesar," and I had to appear as a Roman soldier, clad only in a little tunic and a brass helmet.

I came to the conclusion that my legs were not suited to the part. The bank balance slowly increased and at the end of the first year it was £20. It was worth a celebration, but as I could not afford to be hospitable I dined alone.

It was a great festivity; the dinner cost half-a-crown, and it was worth every penny of it.

I once described to a Labour audience my day's work at this period; I am bound to say it was not received with any great enthusiasm.

I lived in Putney where living was cheap, and had a large breakfast at eight o'clock; I then walked to the West End, which saved fourpence, from which saving I derived intense moral satisfaction.

From then until one o'clock I acquired by devious routes the necessary information for my stock journalism, and I saved a considerable sum of money during the luncheon-hour by the simple expedient of deciding that lunch as a meal was entirely unnecessary.

From one until seven I was an enthusiastic but spurious politician.

#### Dine for 1/6, then walk home

Seven was my happy hour. I dined alone—a miser must always be alone—at Le Petit Riche at the back of the Palace Theatre. I wonder if it still exists?

The dinner cost 1s. 6d. and might have been the envy of kings; I owe many pleasant memories to Le Petit Riche.

From eight to 11, the theatre: there was always something to be reviewed; from 11 to one, Fleet street, where I poured forth those brilliant reviews for which no doubt the London public were passionately expectant.

Then, from one to three, a dreary walk back to Putney. I can almost remember the number of flagstones in the pavement.

A 40-hour week! When I heard myself advocating that reasonable limit, I felt sick.

The great worry of my life consisted in the fact that I was never able to bring myself to face the expense of a dress suit. And in those days theatres expected the stiffs to be dressed.

I solved the problem by wearing a great-coat, both summer and winter, over a white shirt and a white tie. Once in a moment of abstraction I removed the great-coat; it was a horrible experience, but I lived it down.

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#### Saved £60, but no celebration

By the end of the second year I had saved £60. This time there was no celebration; I had malaria and I saved an additional half a crown.

At the end of those two years I became restless, and, as I am ashamed to remember, a shade despondent.

I had walked the streets of London for so long that even my last pair of shoes were beginning to look at me reproachfully.

I was ashamed, and the shabbiness of my existence was beginning to eat into my soul.

I began to wonder whether I had been right in using so much time in an endeavour to reach a goal that, after all, might end in disappointment.

The third year was the hardest of them all. There were appalling examinations to be passed. I could not afford to buy a single law-book, so I read my law in the library of my Inn.

I had to read when I could find a moment of spare time and I regret to say I often fell asleep over my reading; but that has happened to many better men than me.

#### The last £1 in the bank

With great difficulty I managed to scrape through, how, I never knew... but I remember I enjoyed another solitary celebration.

There still remained three months to run before the day when I was entitled to be called, and I was still £15 short.

My engagements were being terminated one by one; those examinations had taken so much time.

The money came in very slowly. Still, there are always 24 hours in every day and at a pinch they can be turned into 25.

A fortnight before Call Day the last £1 went into my bank. I took it there myself.

Assuming an indifference which I was far from feeling I asked the state of my account, well knowing that in such large amounts even a bank can make mistakes.

A clerk tossed a piece of paper to me across the counter. He did not appear to realise the importance of his action. I only hope my hand did not tremble. One hundred pounds fifteen shillings.

The whole face of the world seemed to have changed. The day before I was called I drew a cheque in favour of the Middle Temple for £100.

It came out so easily, and I hated drawing it. It seemed like parting with someone I had known for years.

The 15s. seemed so little to be left behind. Now I had to begin all over again.

#### I am called to the Bar

In May 1904 I was called to the Bar. I stood in my place in one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. In front of me stood a row of distinguished lawyers; on both sides of me were beginners like myself.

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## LEAGUE FOOTBALL

# Eastern Face One Of Their Most Difficult Opponents

Eastern, who must be numbered amongst South China "A"'s strongest challengers, face one of their most difficult league games this afternoon. Eastern meet the Army at Sookunpoo. Both sides have lost two league matches; the Army to South China "A" and "B"; Eastern to South China "A" and KMB.

Although it is a case of "top" meeting "bottom" at Caroline Hill this afternoon, South China "A", the league leaders, with sharp memories of last season's matches with Kwong Wah, will regard this fixture with a certain amount of concern.

Holding second place in the league table, KMB have another hard match to-morrow: they entertain St Joseph's.

The ground gets more iron-like as the almost rainless days continue. Ninety minutes of football on bone-hard playing pitches, when every kick and every bounce of the ball was marked by a cloud of dust, found footsore footballers after last Sunday's Memorial Cup ties.

Unless heavy rain falls continuously before the week-end, the going is bound to be equally arid.

## CROP OF INJURIES

Boundary Street, in particular, claimed a crop of injuries last week end. If those in Sunday's match were the result of heavy falls on true hard ground, the same is hardly true of the match between Chinese Athletic and Kowloon Motor Buses. So the Saints have to fight their way all through another league match, to earn the two points which seemed to be within their grasp

three weeks ago. Nevertheless, it is the only equitable solution when a match has to be abandoned through bad light. Who can say that the Police would not have snatched two quick goals in those unplayed minutes, or that the Saints might have whipped in three more? Although the Laws of the Game affirm that the interval at half time should not exceed five minutes, except in very exceptional circumstances, one feels that referees might be given more margin than that provided for the times of the kick-off in early November.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kwong Wah on winning their first league point of the season at Caroline Hill last Saturday. With a little luck the Kwong Wah men might have taken both points from South China "B". It is far from outside the bounds of probability that Kwong Wah, at the foot of the table this morning, should deprive South China "A" of their one hundred-percent record.

Many members of this afternoon's South China "A" team took part in the match at Boundary Street last season (just after Christmas) when Sing Tao were very lucky to beat a weaker Kwong Wah than that of today by a solitary goal.

Kwong Wah enjoyed the splendid tonic of beating Sing Tao 1-0 on November 6 last year, and might, with more tenacity and a little luck, have taken four league points from them.

Don't write this afternoon's "Tops v. Bottoms" match off as a foregone conclusion. Kwong Wah's speedy forwards should get at least two goals.

This Kwong Wah-South China "A" match will draw a fairly large crowd, many of whom will take up positions at the eastern end of the Caroline Hill ground, with its double attractions of a glimpse of the Army's match with Eastern.

One can only deplore an arrangement whereby hundreds of spectators may turn their backs upon the efforts of 22 footballers.

In one match, in the early part of this season, players taking part in a game at Caroline Hill almost stopped playing because of the psychological influence of an adjacent crowd; again, with excitement, following the Sookunpoo match.

Kwong Wah were the visitors on that occasion. It ruined everyone's appetite for the Caroline Hill match.

## TODAY'S TITBIT

But for all that, the Army's match with Eastern is the titbit of today's local football fare. Eastern are a force to be reckoned with, despite their rather mediocre showing against the Navy last week-end.

In Lee Tak-kee they have a veteran forward who is always likely to produce the unexpected. The players should win this match; it only by the merits of team work and stamina.

The Navy, after two very "game" matches with Chinese teams last week-end, are looking forward to this afternoon's encounter with the Club.

The Club had slightly the better of last season's matches, one of which they won 1-0. The other was a goalless draw.

The going at Caroline Hill last Saturday was just to Kitchie's taste. Their forwards and halves moved like quicksilver in the warm sunshine. 2-2 was no flattery. The Police, who entertain Kitchie, were also last engaged with the RAF, but, whereas Kitchie beat the Airman easily, the Police were held to a 3-3 draw a fortnight ago.

## MORE THRILLS

A thrilling game is promised at Boundary Street tomorrow, where Kowloon Motor Buses are at home to the Saints. Both sides will strain every nerve to take the two points from this match.

If Leonard has recovered from the injury which crippled him for most of last Sunday's Memorial Cup tie, Tang Yee-Kit is going to have a difficult match. KMB won both of last season's league matches with the Saints, 3-2 and 6-1.

South China "B" took four points from Chinese Athletic last season, but they will have to show better finish than they displayed against Kwong Wah last week if they are to hold the Athletic's nippy attack.

After last week's set-back the Athletic will be looking for a brace of league points tomorrow. This meeting of South China "B" and Chinese Athletic takes place at Caroline Hill.

Prior to the KMB-Saints match tomorrow there is a "needle" Division II fixture. Unbeaten KMB juniors meet Army (HK), who have lost only one league match.

## SPORTING SAM

There is the usual girls' game and this week sees Alice Mar's Canuckettes tangle with Thelma Watson's fiery Wildcats, conquerors of champion Wahos two weeks ago, and probable Canuck scalars tomorrow.

Between Manager "Doc" Molten and Coach Buster Hollands they have developed what looks like a champion squad in the Wildcats.

They beat the Wahos thoroughly. The Wildcats are good, but the Wahos couldn't be that bad—especially when dynamic Hal Wing-lee is running things. There's lots of fight among these women to come yet.

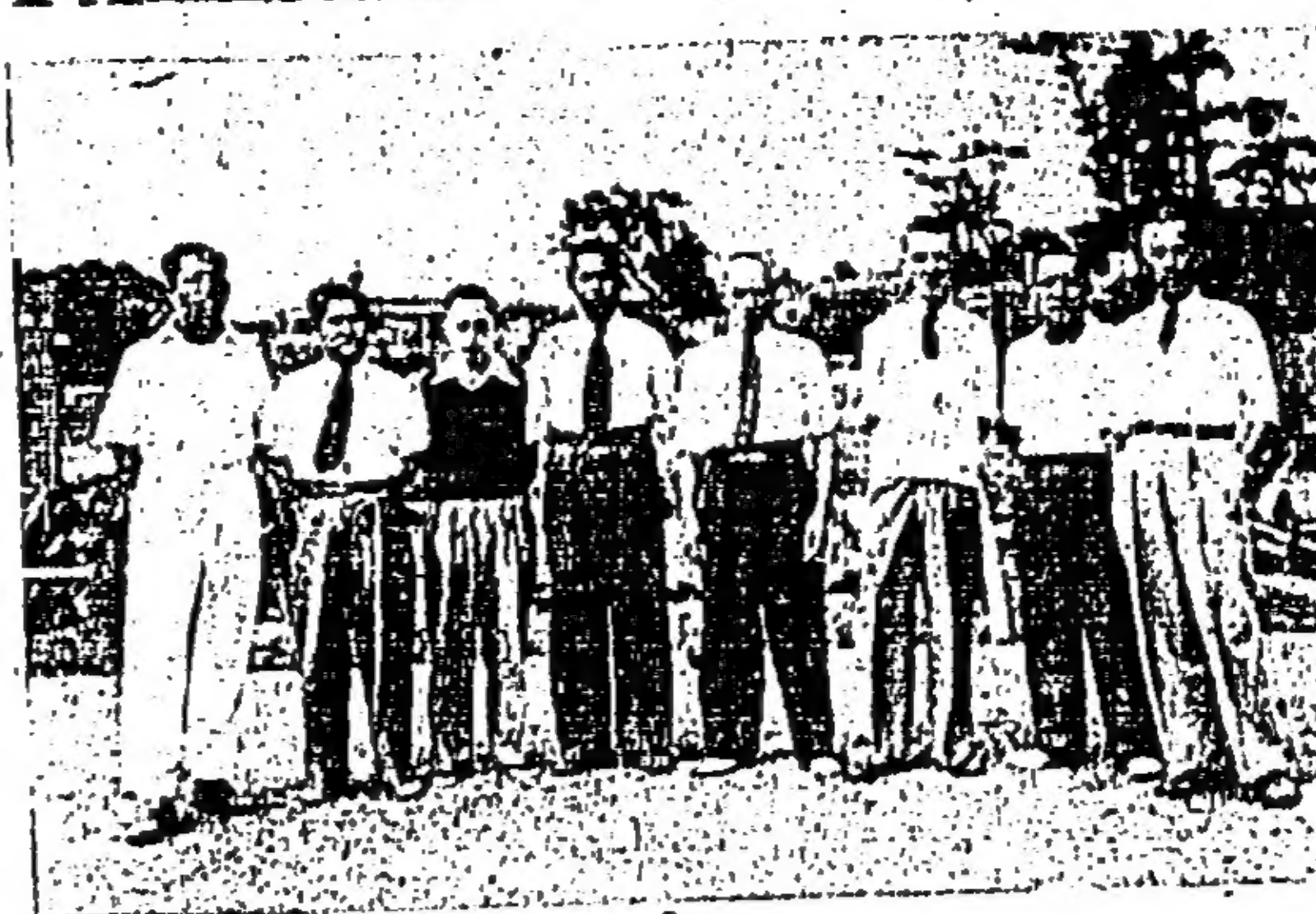
The game, rookie Canuckettes are steadily improving. Margie Woo, Rosalyn Nye and Allene Chingfeng are playing a good brand of ball while the others are learning fast. These are the smart "students" under Bill Woo's and Alice Mar's guiding hands: Julie Lee, Helen Leung, Monica Chingfeng, Kathleen Slow, Josephine Stew and Maudie Fong.

## By Reg. Wootton



## By "SEE TEE"

## PAKISTAN v. PHILIPPINES



The two teams that contested the International Lawn Bowls final for the Gutierrez Shield at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club last week line up after the game for a friendly group snap.

Reading from the left, the members of the two teams are A. M. Omar, M. I. Razack, L. S. Silva, K. M. Omar, D. A. Rozario, A. E. Coates, W. C. Ogley and U. M. Omar.

The Omars and Razack were for Pakistan, winning by 17 shots to 15. U. M. Omar was Pakistan's skip and Coates the Philippines' skip—Golden Studio Photograph.

## THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION THINKS

## Services' Football Now Of Amateur Standard

By ARCHIE QUICK

The Football Association has decreed that in view of the weakened strength of the Services, in future matches against Royal Navy, Army and the Royal Air Force, the FA will be represented by amateur elevens.

They may be in for a surprise.

Lt.-Col. H. M. Prince, the Army Football Secretary, tells me that quite a number of useful professionals are coming into the Services and that he has hopes of a useful side before the season is out.

He has in view a regular outside-left from Cardiff City, a Cowdenbeath winger, a centre-half from Chesterfield and McInnes, the brilliant Chelsea winger.

Army already has Jones of Aston Villa in goal, Flavell of West Bromwich at full back. Buchanan, signed by the Wolves when he was still at school, Andrews of York City and Evans of Darlington are available half-backs.

In the forward line, Army already has Hinchelwood, of Fulham, Johnstone of Hibernians, Jamieson of Aberdeen and Murray of Queen's Park Rangers.

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DAB and FLOUNDER by Walter



FROM HERE AND THERE:

## Americans Told How To Be Well-Bred

NEW YORK—A new American book of etiquette—four years in the writing—calls the person who cannot stand in a queue "without sneaking up to a higher place" and "other tips" it is wrong to pronounce oil or; tomato should be pronounced the English way and not tomato, as most Americans do; telephone should always be used, instead of phone, and whisky and soda rather than the more popular highball. Frowned upon by the authors: fake fireplaces filled with a fake coal fire lit by electricity; shawls on pianos; pop-up cigarette boxes.

### FAIRY GODMOTHERS

NEW YORK—Americans are soon to be told that they may now buy their friends in Britain coupon-free British-made clothes. All they will have to do is to send a cheque for whatever the clothes cost. Needless to say it will have to be a dollar cheque. The clothes will then be delivered free of coupons, customs duties, or purchase tax to the British recipients.

### HOUSE-PROUD

NAIROBI—An elderly African native is sitting unperturbed in his primitive grass-roofed mud hut on top of Kenya's new goldfield at Kibler, near Kisumu. All he wanted was the assurance, promptly given by prospecting settlers, that his home "would not" be disturbed. The find was made by a Danish farmer named Andersen, and the Mines Department reports that the strike is "quite promising."

### TREASURE TROVE

AMSTERDAM—The most gorgeous among the thousands of presents offered to Queen Wilhelmina on her jubilee, now on show to the public in the Amsterdam palace, is a large gilt cup given by "Bertie, Elizabeth and May." The largest is a modern Gobelin's tapestry sent by the French Government, and the most touching an exercise book containing all sorts of pictures of the Dutch Royal Family sent by a

nine-year-old boy who started collecting them during the war when the Germans had strictly forbidden it. But Nedra's picture, offered by the Federatie Afrikanse Kultuurvereniging, which was supposed to be refused, has a place of honour. Queen Wilhelmina intends to use all the suitable presents such as table-cloths, blankets and a violet astrich cape sent by the South African Govt.

### MEMORY CORNER

PARIS—The chateau of Fontainebleau, once the home of the Grand Monarch, Louis XIV, and setting for many of the incidents in Dumas' "Three Musketeers," lies 37 miles southeast of Paris, surrounded by forest. At present, it houses the Fontainebleau Music Conservatoire in one wing and an artillery school in the other. It was Napoleon's favourite home and it was there that he signed his abdication. Its most celebrated feature is its horseshoe-shaped staircase.

### LAURELS

VIENNA—A gold razor has been awarded to Otto Prachtelt by the "Barbers' Congress." He recently shaved a customer in 14.5 seconds, which is claimed to be a new world record.

### OUTWARD BOUND

CAPE TOWN—The 87-ton yacht Carled left Cape Town recently on a world voyage via St Helena, the West Indies, Panama, and the South Seas. A last-minute member of the crew was a Zulu cook boy, Joseph Mbayi, formerly of the City of Lincoln, which was stranded at Quoin Point for two years, but salvaged.

### HUNTING GROUNDS

JOHANNESBURG—Huge swarms of mice are raiding the groundnut crops in the northern Transvaal and killing them off. Fortunately, however, swarms of hawks are following the mice and killing them off in turn.

## SEXTON BLAKE SHOWS VIRTUE PAYS

BOYS WILL BE BOYS. By E. S. Turner. Michael Joseph. 269 pages. 10s. 6d.

### BOOKS

by . . . GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

HERE is a careful, entertaining investigation into the origin and evolution of boys' popular fiction. Its authors, publishers, readers and demigods. It is a worthy "book of the week."

Earlier writers have discussed the social implications of this school of fiction. Mr. Turner sticks to facts. For example, he reveals that Sweeney Todd, most English of villains, had, in all likelihood a Frenchman as his prototype. So much for national pride.

During the early years of the Revolution, a barber in the Rue de la Harpe, Paris, systematically assassinated his customers, in partnership with a neighbouring pie-maker.

The savoury theme was naturalised in Britain, in 1840, by Thomas Peckitt Prest, an author, whose other claim on immortality is that he industriously plagiarised the works of Dickens under titles like Oliver Twist and Martin Chuzzlewit, thus helping to found the fortune of his publisher, Edward Lloyd.

SEXTON BLAKE, the great detective, must be the oldest of boyhood's current heroes. He first appeared 55 years ago; since then 200,000,000 words have been written about his exploits. Students will be interested to know that his assistant, Tinker, had a Chinese predecessor, Wewee.

But it is unsatisfactory that we cannot be informed with certainty whether the detective's famous, Pedro, was a bloodhound or a bull dog. I should be willing to bet a large sum, say, five shillings, that this invaluable animal was a bloodhound. But the absence of thoroughness in Mr. Turner cannot pass unrebuked.

Northcliffe launched Blake and similar heroes on a tide of moral and patriotic fervour. The slogans were "No more penny dreadfuls" and "Blake is a British detective," a thrust at the interloping Yankee, Nick Carter.

Not only did the penny dreadful inflame the imaginations of boys so that they robbed their employers, but it was also full of spelling and

grammatical errors, thus defeating the purpose of a national system of education. What else could be expected from stories written, as the Northcliffe editors alleged, by universally men who had given way to the temptations of drink?

Overcome by this righteous indignation, the penny dreadful died, ignominiously. The penny "blood" reigned in its place. Virtue pays. But was there, perhaps, just a hint of self-distrust in the motto of the Union Jack—"You need not be ashamed to be seen reading this book."

SINCE those pioneer days, the "blood" has come under criticism, on broad social grounds. George Orwell accused the Gem-Magnet school of drugging the minds of the younger proletariat with stories that were snobbish, cheaply patriotic, faked sex and poked fun at foreigners.

Dignified answer came from Charles Hamilton, who pointed out that the higher you go in the social scale, the better manners you find and the firmer principles. As for foreigners, they are funny.

And who was Hamilton that he should be drawn into the controversy? The author of 40 or 50 million words of this kind of literature!

THE PILLAR OF CLOUD. By Francis Stuart. Gollancz. 9s. 6d. 232 pages.

ALTHOUGH he was lecturer in Irish and English literature at Berlin University for five years

during the war, Stuart's novel is placed in the post-war period and in the French zone of occupation. Its theme, impressively stated, is human suffering.

The great change in Europe has taken place in the prisons and concentration camps, rather than on the battlefields. Stuart was for eight months in prison in Austria. A French prison.

And what is the change? We are less civilised, in the sense that we believe less in worldly existence as the supreme good. But we are a little more spiritualised, purified in heart. These thoughts Stuart put into the mouth of one of his characters, Petrov, a Rumanian.

The main thread of the story is the relation of Malone, an Irishman suspect by the French, with two sisters, waifs of war, one dying of tuberculosis, the other a victim of brutality in prison.

The idea of purification by suffering is hardly new, Stuart's achievement is to give it fresh life. A book drawn up from a deep well of experience.

THE PRIVATE DIARIES OF PAUL BAUDOUIN. Eyre and Spottiswoode, 16s. 308 pages.

FOREIGN Minister under Pétain, the writer reveals, how, in the summer of '40, French politicians blamed one another. French generals were concerned to shield the army (i.e., the generals) from blame; the fault lay with the politicians, the British, or the impending revolution, of which there was not a sign.

This diary of a sincere pessimist makes an admirable companion to Churchill's first volume.

## WRIST-BAND CAMERA

MUNICH—A 42-year-old German scientist said that he has perfected a wrist-band camera that will take 400 pictures on a roll of ordinary 35 mm. minicam film.

Dr. Rudolf Steinbeck, the inventor, has spent the last two years working on the first model, tucked away in a spacious mansion on the shores of Lake Starnberg near here. The house, nesting in the foothills of the Bavarian Tyrol, once belonged to a Bavarian nobleman.

He said he completed the first working model this summer and it will go into production soon. He said his latest camera, in answer to his wife's complaint that current cameras are too complicated for a layman. Steinbeck made simplicity the keynote of his invention.

The tiny camera weighs 1-1/8 ounces, looks like a wrist watch and is about twice as thick. Steinbeck says it is foolproof, and so simple that it will take pictures at "a moment's notice," without being removed from the wrist.

The film is about four millimetres in diameter at the point of exposure, and may be enlarged to slightly more than two-by-three inches. Special films can be used to provide greater enlargement capacity. The lens is a 2.5 special lens, which will shoot in focus from one metre up without adjustment.

The camera also can be used for colour photograph, Steinbeck said. The price of the new camera will be set after production has begun and costs determined.

Perpetual Accuracy—without winding

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## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"The Guest Room" BY KEMP STARRETT



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THE 'QUAINT' GUEST ROOM FULL OF OLD WORLD CHARM; HOOKED RUGS, WIDE OPEN PLUMBING; RICKETY CHAIRS...AND NOT ENOUGH HEAD ROOM FOR A MIDGET.



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## SPORTS

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## MENTAL GYMNASIUM

Puzzles About China and Its People

## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Since
4. Unit of energy
5. While
7. Arabian
10. Our puzzle is on the silhouette of a map
12. Canvas shelter
13. "Blue Grass State" (ab.)
14. Golf mound
15. Harem room

## DOWN

1. An (Scot.)
2. Conceded
3. Monster
4. Deed
6. Her
8. Inquire
9. Turkish official
11. Preposition
15. Each (ab.)

## MISSING VOWELS

Vowels have been omitted and words run together in this sentence. Insert the vowels in their proper places and break up the line to form a sentence about China.

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## CHINESE CITIES

Rearrange the letters in each of the following lines to form the name of a Chinese city.

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HASH G CAN

NAN GINK

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

MISSING VOWELS: Chiang Kai-shek is president of the Chinese National government.

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RIDDLE ANSWERS

1—Because you may get board (board) from it. 2—When some

enails (measles) are about. 3—

Because no man should serve two

masters. 4—Long Acre. 5—The

middle toe.

## RIDDLES

1. Why is a poor moving picture like a fir tree?
2. When shouldn't an artist's child enter his father's studio?
3. Why is it wrong to ship on board schooners?
4. What London street reminds you of a rheumatic leg of long standing?
5. On what toe does a corn never appear?

## CHINA REBUS

Use the words and pictures to reveal four items pertaining to China.



## DIAMOND

The centre of our diamond is CHINESE. The second word is "a kind of rolled tea," the third "a colony," the fifth "prayer endings," and the sixth "a worm."

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## How To Make Parties Fun

By WALTER KING

THE modern party must be streamlined with plenty of sensible fun. So you must plan to have a few well-timed games up your sleeve. And if your games are different, your party will be a sure-fire hit.

To help you over the bumps, here are a few new games and stunts.

The shy guests must be warmed up to fun temperature gradually. To break the ice, start off with a novelty stunt in which two or three of the better acquainted live-wires take the floor.

The player who first completes his picture is the winner. The jigsaw puzzle pieces may be exchanged as they are discovered; in fact, it is not unusual for one player to be calling out for another to bring a piece while another seeks Bing Crosby's left leg.

OCCASIONALLY the deadly zero in entertainment may creep in despite your best efforts. It crops up most often in the lull between one phase of the party and the next. Perhaps there is no time to introduce another game and all that is needed to keep the party on its feet and the guests upon their toes is a fill-in stunt.

A good idea is to encourage two of the live-wires (there are always at least a couple at every party) to start calling out initials. Thus, one says, "Hello, R.A. How are you?" and the other may reply, "Fine, thanks T.S." thus completing the spelling of a word. No more than three initials are allowed from either player.

Of course, the given letters must be the first part of a real word and the person addressed must endeavor to throw back two or three letters that will complete the word. The fun continues until one of the players is stuck.

The object of your party, of course, is to have the guests go home feeling as though they had never before spent such an enjoyable time. It only takes a few well-timed games to enliven your party to such an extent that your friends will go home declaring it was the "most fun ever."



## Do You Promise Or Take Action?

ARE you one of those people who promise to do something, talk about doing it, but never seem to get it done? We often use all our energy in talking about the fine things we intend to do or have promised to do instead of utilizing the energy to do these tasks.

Think back over the times when you knew you should do something, but failed to do it. Then went to work and did the necessary thing. You may be surprised to find that on the times you missed your discussion, talked it over with people, until all your enthusiasm disappeared and you actually did nothing about it. But when you set to work and did the job, you didn't talk about it. You used your energy in turning promise into action.

There are occasions when it seems wise to promise to do something, and it is right to do so. The danger lies in talking about your plans so much that you get a feeling of having done all you need to do. Yet you have actually done nothing but talk.

Promisers talk a lot and do nothing. Doers don't talk much but can be depended upon to finish the job. You know which are happier and more successful.

Tricks or Treats

The Halloween custom of "tricks or treats," when young folk go from door to door getting "bribery," in the form of treats not to perform tricks, may have had its origin in Ireland. Many years ago the Irish peasants assembled with sticks and clubs and went from house to house collecting money and food for a feast on Halloween eve.

Rupert and Margot—2

When Mrs. Bear has given him permission Rupert puts on his scarf and runs toward the edge of the village. He is just crossing a fence when he sees the tall figure of Margot's granny walking slowly along a path, and breathlessly he gives his message. "That's very kind of you," says the old lady. "I should love Margot to come to tea with you—if only she would. I'm a little worried about her these days." "Oh, do tell me what's the matter," says Rupert. "Can I help?"

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RED RYDER

Bad Medicine

By Fred Harman

Doc Cold's medicine cures every ill known to man.

WHOOPES! FIREWATER!

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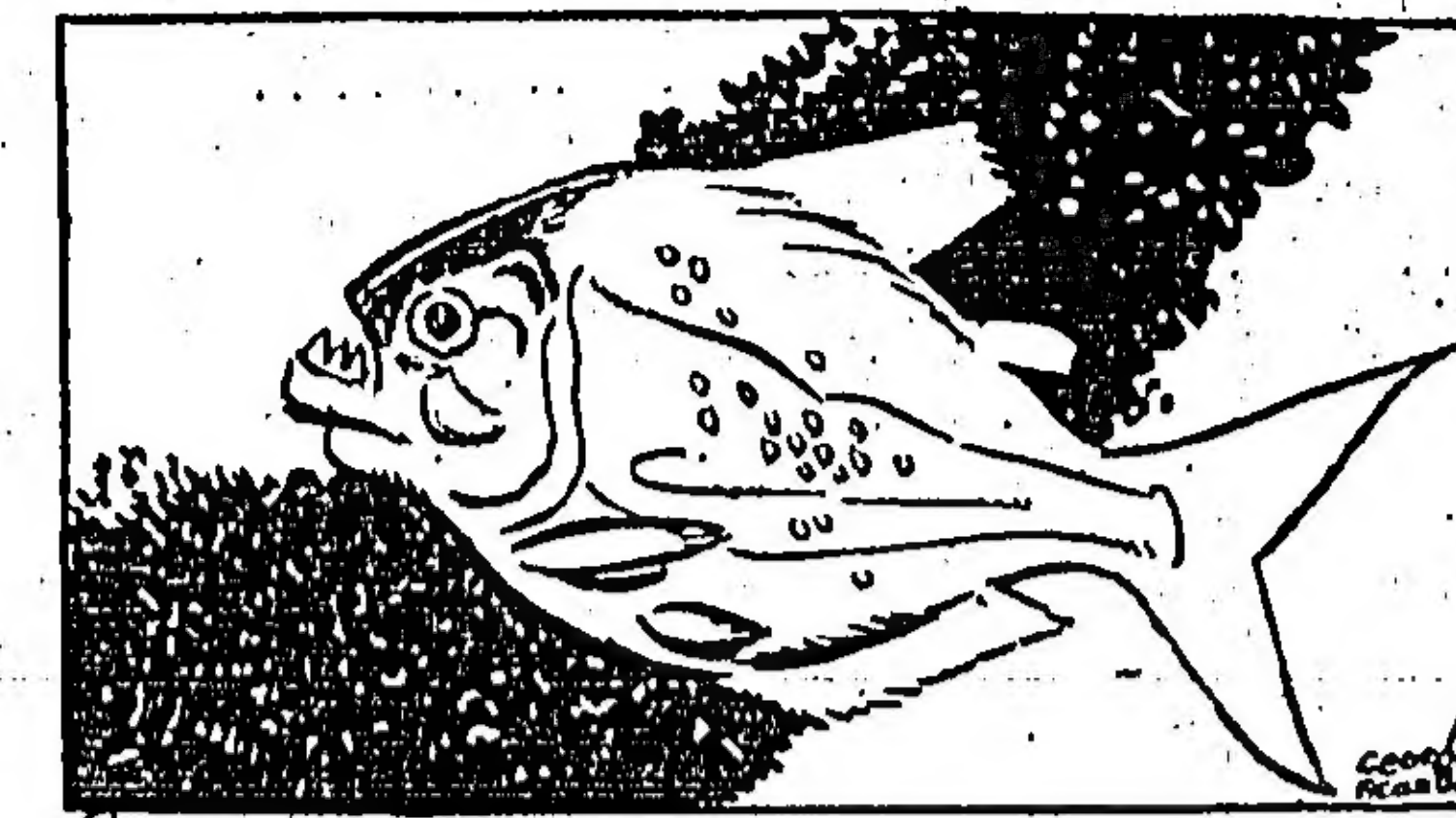
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## ZOO'S WHO



THE PIRANHA, SMALL FISH OF THE AMAZON, IS ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS CREATURES. MEN CROSSING SOUTH AMERICAN STREAMS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO SKELETONS BY THESE FISH IN A FEW MINUTES.



ALTHOUGH PREHISTORIC DINOSAURS WERE GIANT IN SIZE, THE MODERN WHALE IS THE LARGEST CREATURE EVER TO LIVE ON EARTH.

A LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT VALUE OF A HORSE IN FALLS CITY, NEB., IN 1948 WAS \$10, WHILE A GOAT WAS VALUED AT \$5.

## Left Feet of 16 Men Once Measured One Rod

By ROY L. WARREN

HOW long is a rod, a foot or an inch? These units of measurement had strange beginnings and were not always the same length as they are today.

Standards of measurement began in most cases by the length of fingernails, fingers, feet and arms. For instance, the length of the left feet of 16 men lined up as they left church on Sunday morning was the lawful rod in the 16th century.

The length of the forearm from elbow to middle finger tip was the ancient Sumerian and Egyptian unit of measurement, called the "cubit," the symbol of which was the figure of a forearm. There were various cubits differing in length, but two of outstanding importance were the Royal Egyptian cubit averaging 20.62 inches, and the Olympic cubit of 18.24 inches. There is now no known standards of the Olympic cubit

but its length has been recovered from measurements of the Greek Parthenon. Colonel Belalew, the Russian meteorologist, found a relationship between these two cubits: "the area of a square on the Olympic cubit equals that of a circle whose diameter is the Royal Egyptian cubit." The Olympic cubit was subdivided into two spans of about nine inches, six palms of three inches, and 24 digits each three-quarters of an inch.

Queen Elizabeth's yard remained the standard from 1558 to 1824, when it was succeeded by Bird's standard yard of 1760, which was destroyed by fire at the Houses of Parliament in 1834.

When the new imperial standards were completed in 1855, two copies of the yard were presented to the United States and these arrived in 1855. These copies were compared with the accepted 39 inches of the Troughton scale and finally were accepted by the Office of Weights and Measures as the standards of the United States.

On July 28, 1890, Congress passed the act legalizing the metric system as the standard for the United States.

The first known measurement, also known as another cubit, was the length of a forearm from point of elbow to end of the middle finger, about 20 inches. The digit was the breadth of a finger, or from .72 to .75 inch. The palm was the width across an open hand at the base of fingers, about three inches.

The Lawful Yard

IN 1324, Edward I decreed that three barley corns taken from the centre of the ear, placed end to end, equalled an inch, so in those times a foot ranged from 9 1/4 inches to 10 inches. Henry I decreed the distance from the point of his nose to the end of his thumb was the lawful yard.

In 1851, Sir Joseph Whitworth invented the first measuring machine using end standards, and capable of detecting differences of one-millionth of an inch.

The first and original vernier caliper, as far as is known, was invented by Joseph H. Brown in the same year. One-thousandth of an inch could be measured with this instrument.

The Systeme Palmer micrometer caliper, patented in France in 1848, was the forerunner of the micrometer sheet metal gauge made by Brown and Sharpe in 1867. In 1862 came the Rogers-Bond Universal Comparator, used for the transfer and comparison of line measure standards.

The first set of Johansson Gauge Blocks was produced in 1890 at Eskilstuna, Sweden.

The next time a strange insect crawls up your leg, ask him if he had a nice trip. He might be from foreign shores, a slowway on a plane, too delicate, probably, to stand the longer ocean voyage on shipboard. Thousands of insects reach here by international aircraft in spite of rigid inspection and spraying of planes with insecticide preparations.

To wake up feeling fresh, start with your feet and shake each one until the muscles feel limp. Next "shake a leg," or rather, both legs and arms. It will stir your circulation, tone up your muscles, and send you forth ready for any kind of day.

If you wear your coat as a cape, try tucking the sleeves inside, making the shoulder line flat and neat. With an adjustable kind of coat the effect will be more capelike, and more graceful than a pair of dangling sleeves flip-flop-

ing along with no arms to guide them.

Many towns and cities are establishing training courses for baby sitters. This is a great idea. How many teenagers who sit up with younger folk who like tales of brave emergency? A good baby sitter, who is asked to come back again, reads up on child care and always remembers to get the telephone number of the place to find the parents when they are out. Good parents never leave their youngster when he shows signs of being upset, but emergencies often do arise and a baby sitter should know how to deal with them.

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## ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN BURMA

Rangoon, Nov. 27.—Free Burma's first general elections under the Constitution will begin on March 28, 1949, and will extend over a period of one month, according to an official announcement here.

Separate polling dates are set for Karen and Kachin representatives to Parliament, the announcement said.

The new Parliament will consist of a House of Representatives and a Chamber of Deputies.

The House of Representatives will contain 250 seats. Allocation will be: Shan State, 25 seats; Kachin State, seven seats; Chin Special Area, six seats; Karen State, two seats; Karen representatives (excluding Karen), 100 seats.

### ELECTIONS OF KAREN

Election of Karen representatives of the House will take place on April 9, 1949, "to avoid difficulties," the announcement said.

It added that the Chamber of Deputies will consist of 125 seats under allocation as follows: Shan State, 25 seats; Kachin State, 12 seats; Chin Special Area, eight seats; Karen State representatives, three seats; Karen representatives, 24 seats; others (excluding Karen), 53 seats.

According to the announcement, election to the Chamber of Deputies—except for Karen and Kachin—will take place on April 19, 1949. Election of Karen and Kachin will be held on April 27.

### THAKIN NU REPLIES

Earlier this year, the Karens demanded 20 seats in the Chamber of Deputies. A Karen spokesman warned the Burmese Government the Karens "would not be responsible" for the consequences if the demand went unheeded.

In reply, Prime Minister Thakin Nu advised the Karens against utterance of threats. He said the present was the time for solidarity among the peoples of Burma if independence was not to be a failure.

—Associated Press.

## To Spend Funds More Quickly

Washington, Nov. 26.—President Truman today approved an act to accelerate the spending of funds for European recovery.

In a letter to the Economic Cooperation Administration, Mr. Paul Hoffman, the President said that the \$4,000,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the Marshall Plan can be expended by April 2.

When Congress appropriated the money it put into the legislation a clause saying in effect that the money was intended to last until July 1, 1949. But President Truman has authority to approve spending it all by April 2 if he decided that it is wise.

President Truman took advantage of this clause to authorize the acceleration.

Meanwhile, the ECA announced new Marshall aid totaling \$25,301,014 for 10 countries or areas, bringing total aid for all nations to date to \$9,787,135,890.—Reuter.

## "HOODED MEN" SENTENCED

Paris, Nov. 26.—Sentences varying from four months to life imprisonment with hard labour were passed today on 27 members of the Cagoule (Hooded Men)—a French Fascist organisation accused of arms traffic, terrorism and murder.

Eleven others were acquitted. Twenty of the accused were sentenced to terms ranging from four months to five years but were bound over on probation for the period of the sentences.—Reuter.

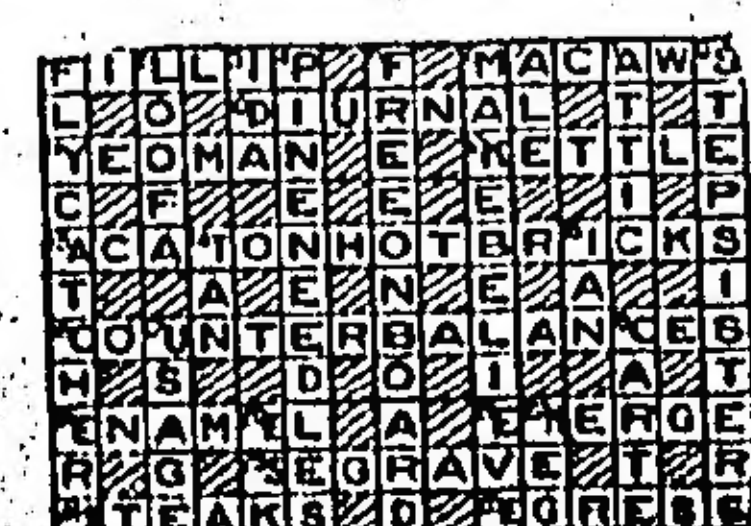
### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Lydia Markova, a musical student in Stockholm, who refused to return to Russia. 2. Ireland; the Lesser Yellow Trefail is said to be shrouded on St. Patrick's Day. 3. Conjuravit. 4. St. Peter, 1770. 5. Before machinery came into general use in England, most of the spinning was done by unmarried women. 6. Richard Greggs. 7. Horny appendage on the tip of the tail. 8. General Li Tsung-jen. 9. The Venerable. 10. Hero.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Hop-scotch; 6. Obelisk; 9. Nebulous; 13. Scrub; 14. Back; 16. Cue; 17. Inure; 18. Cut; 19. Offer; 20. Resentful. Down: 1. Honey-bee; 2. Obelisk; 3. Stud; 4. Taunt; 5. Hiccup; 7. Illusion; 8. Nobby; 10. Bachelors; 11. Secure; 12. Queue; 16. Kite; 19. Cuff.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13:—



## Pot-holes in the Mall: Repairs promised 'sometime in 1949'



The condition of The Mall—along which Royal processions set forth from Buckingham Palace—has brought protests from M.P.s. Mr. Wilson Harris (Ind., Camb., U.) complained that since he drove along it he had suffered from "aggravated oscillation."

Here is a bad stretch looking towards the Palace. The Minister of Works, Mr. Key, has promised to authorise repairs "next year, though I cannot say when."

## WEST UNION COMMITTEE TALKS OPEN

Paris, Nov. 26.—The Committee on European Unity of the five Western powers, meeting here today for the first time, elected M. Edouard Herriot, Chairman of the French National Assembly, as its president.

M. Herriot, who is 74, remained seated because of illness when he received the five nations' representatives for the meeting at the official residence in Paris.

Press representatives were not admitted to today's opening session. The delegates are expected to study two main proposals for European unity.

1. A British suggestion that a Council of Ministers of the countries seeking federation be set up and meet periodically to examine current questions.

2. A French proposal for the creation of a European Parliament elected by the Parliaments of the respective countries.

M. Herriot said the proceedings would be private and the Committee report would be secret until it is submitted to the Consultative Council of the five Western Union powers.

It is learned that speeches of welcome were exchanged at today's session and that the agenda will be considered at tomorrow afternoon's session.

**BATTLE OF IDEAS**  
A battle of ideas between Britain and France on how to lay the foundations of a United Europe began behind a series of official silence covering today's first meeting of the five-power Western Union meeting on European unity, wrote Reuter's correspondent.

It is understood that the British Government's opposition to the plan favoured by France for a European Assembly or Parliament at an early date has weakened a little in the past few months.

The British delegation, headed by Dr. Hugh Dalton, is, however, expected in circles close to the other delegations to adopt a guarded attitude to the French proposal.

Britain and France, they expect, will court the support of the Benelux group—Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—for their respective views.—Reuter.

## Bunche Ready To Start Peace Negotiations

Paris, Nov. 26.—The acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has informed the Arab Governments that Israel is ready to start direct peace negotiations immediately. In a letter to the Arab Governments, Dr. Bunche relayed Israel's reply to his letter in which the Israeli Provisional Government said it was anxious to see these negotiations brought to a "speedy and successful conclusion."

Israel asked to be informed at the earliest possible moment when its representatives could meet the Arabs. The reply added that the Israelis would prefer direct negotiations but if this were impracticable they would be prepared to negotiate through United Nations intermediaries.

Relaying the Israeli reply to the Arab Governments, Dr. Bunche drew the attention to the fact that no reply had been received from them.—Reuter.

## FALLS TO DEATH

Athens, Nov. 26.—Madame Tsouhlie, aged 60, a well-known Athens dressmaker, arrested two weeks ago on suspicion of co-operating with the Greek insurgents, fell to her death today from a window of the fifth floor of the Security Police building where she was detained.

Police headquarters said she had committed suicide after hearing there was "heavy evidence" that she was working for the Communists.—Reuter.

## SLAV DELEGATES ATTACK EUROPE POLICY OF U.S.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Slav delegates angrily alleged on Friday that the United States is waging war on the Greek people and an economic cold war on Eastern Europe. The Russian-led bloc attacked the European Recovery Programme and the American policies in Greece in long speeches to the United Nations Assembly.

The Assembly agreed with the United States on the economic issue. It voted 33 to six against a Polish resolution which Western delegates said looked innocent but was actually a condemnation of American support of ERP.

Then the delegates began a long round of speeches on the Balkans. Some, including Britain's Mr. Hector McNeill, dozed off and slept as the Slav attack was begun by Yugoslavia.

Dr. Ales Bebler, the Yugoslav chief delegate, called on the Assembly to reject a Political Committee resolution condemning Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania for helping Greek guerrillas.

Speaking loudly in French, Mr. Bebler delivered a general assault on the American mission in Greece.

"In short, the United States of America is waging war against the Greek people. They (the U.S.) are doing it openly before the eyes of the whole world."

### U.S. OFFICERS

Mr. Bebler said that the American Lt.-Gen. James Van Fleet is present at all meetings of the Greek Council of National Defence; that the Greek Government Army is "teeming" with U.S. officers, known as liaison officers, and that war is being waged with the tacit approval of the United Nations.

"The United States," Mr. Bebler told the Assembly, "is waging this war for reasons which are revealed by the building of military airports in Greece for their Flying Fortresses, the building of ports and strategic roads in the direction of the Northern frontiers of Greece."

In addition to the Political Committee resolution, the Assembly must consider a Russian proposal intended directly to counter it. Russians demand that the Assembly discontinue immediately the Special Committee of the Balkans and that all foreign troops and foreign military personnel be withdrawn from Greece.

Mr. Bebler took an hour—and 35 minutes to read a 40-page speech. The Assembly adjourned when he finished until this morning.

### DISCRIMINATION

Russia's Andrei Vyshinsky and the United States' John Foster Dulles were ready to speak and are expected to be heard this forenoon.

Dr. Oscar Lange of Poland urged the Assembly to approve his resolution calling for no discrimination in international trade. It asked all U.N. members to avoid the use of economic discrimination designed to apply sanctions to other countries and to influence their domestic or foreign policy.

Mr. Lange said the United States is carrying on an "economic cold war" against Eastern European countries. He said the use of economic power to influence the policies of another country is inadmissible.

Mr. Lange was supported by Mr. Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, and Dr. A. Arturimion of Russia.

### ATTACK AND ENVY

Mr. Willard L. Thorp, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the Assembly that Poland's proposal is an "attempt once again to discredit the ERP and the assistance which the United States is giving to that programme."

Mr. Thorp said that some countries "more or less voluntarily" decided against joining ERP. He said they complain now that they "cannot too enjoy some of the assistance from the United States, called enslavement in the new terminology, which they simultaneously attack and envy."

Mr. Thorp and delegates of Britain and France denied that there is American dictation of the export policies of the Western European countries.

Poland demanded a roll call vote on its proposal. The U.S., France, Britain and China were among the 33 votes against the Polish move. Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Cuba, India, Iraq, Iran and the Philippines abstained.

Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Venezuela were absent.—Associated Press.

### MCC TOUR

## COMPTON'S CENTURY AGAINST NATAL

Durban, Nov. 26.—Another century by Denis Compton (106), his third in succession, and a painstaking knock of 61 by Len Hutton were the outstanding features of the MCC's first innings of 310 for 5 today against Natal, South African inter-province champions.

Settling down after an uncertain start, during which his timing was faulty, Compton ran into his best form and scored his runs out of 187 in two hours 45 minutes. He hit nine fours.

The MCC, after losing Washbrook at 10, did well to recover against the strongest attack they have met on the tour.

C. McCarthy, the 18-year-old fast bowler, considered the fastest in South Africa, took three of the five wickets.—Reuter.

### WEST INDIES V. PAKISTAN

Lahore, Nov. 26.—The West Indies started the last match of their tour of Pakistan here today in a four-day fixture against a Pakistan XI.

When stumps were drawn at the end of the first day, Pakistan had scored 197 runs for the loss of two wickets.—Reuter.

### GOLF

## Von Nida Protests

Sydney, Nov. 26.—A protest by the Australian professional, Norman von Nida, against face markings of the clubs of two other players in the Ampol £1,000 golf tournament here has been dismissed.

Von Nida, who shared the lead with K. Nagle, each with 146 at the end of the second round today, said that he was not satisfied with the ruling that the clubs were in order.

He added that they would "have to be sent to the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews for a ruling."

Before play began in the tournament, von Nida had written a letter to the tournament committee, complaining that deep punched holes on the faces of the clubs of Ossie Pickworth, the Australian open champion, and Eric Cremin, did not conform to the specification laid down by the rules of the game.

The committee ruled that the clubs were legitimate.

Von Nida had a second round of 72 today for a total of 146 and joint leadership with Nagle, who had a brilliant four under par of 68. Next came B. Ward 74, 148 and Cremin 74 for 149. Pickworth was 79 for 150.—Reuter.

### New BOA Secretary

London, Nov. 26.—Colonel Evan Hunter, Secretary of the British Olympic Association for 25 years and one of the leading organisers of the recent Games in London, has resigned.

He will be succeeded by Mr. K.S. Duncan, former Oxford University athlete and soccer blue. He captained the British team which completed in the Empire Games in Sydney in 1938.—Reuter.

### WEEK-END SPORT

#### TODAY

Crickets—First Division League: Rerecro v. RAF at Kai Tak; KCC v. Army at Sookunpoo; University v. Optimists at Chater Road; Scorpions v. Royal Navy at King's Park; Craigengower v. IRC at Sookunpoo.

Second Division League: RAF v. Rerecro at King's Park; Army v. KCC at Cox's Path.

Football—First Division League: Police v. Kitcher at Boundary Street; Navy v. Club at Causeway Bay; South China "A" v. Kwong Wah at Caroline Hill; Army v. Eastern at Sookunpoo (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).

Second Division League: CAA v. Dockyard at Boundary Street; St. Joseph's v. Navy at Causeway Bay; Kitcher v. Club at Caroline Hill; PCA v. War Department Chinese at "A" Ground; Tramways v. Solicitors at St. Joseph's (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.); University v. Police at St. Joseph's (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).

Football—At Rerecro Ground: Braves v. Rangers, 2.30 p.m.; Vikings v. Blackhaws, 4 p.m.

#### TOMORROW

Crickets—Friends: HKCC Occasionals v. RAF at Chater Road; Craigengower v. Dockyard RC at Navy Ground, King's Park.

Football—First Division League: KMB v. St. Joseph's at Boundary Street; South China "B" v. Chinese AA at Caroline Hill (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).

Second Division League: KMB v. Army (HK) at Boundary Street; Talkoo v. Army (Kowloon) at Caroline Hill (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.).

Hockey—Association: Fictures Rerecro v. Cable & Wireless at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Police v. Army at Sookunpoo, 10 a.m.; Dutch HC v. Navy at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Dockyard RC v. University at King's Park, 10 a.m.; RAF v. YMCA at Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.

Football—At Rerecro Ground: Wildfires v. Rerecro, 9 a.m.; St. Joseph's v. Medsons, 10.30 a.m.; Americans v. HKCC, noon; Khales v. Overons, 2 p.m.

At CBA Ground: Canadians v. Chung Hwa, noon; VRC v. Rerecro, 2 p.m.; Wildcats v. Canadians, 3.30 p.m.

## Rocky Graziano Suspended

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 26.—Abe J. Greene, Commissioner of the National Boxing Association, today announced that Rocky Graziano was suspended in all NBA states for his withdrawal from the fight at Oakland, California, next Wednesday night.

The NBA includes all boxing states, except New York and Massachusetts. It also has working agreements with most of the foreign boxing countries.

Greene said the suspension was made automatically at the request of the California State Athletic Commission. Greene said he received the telegraphed request today.—United Press.

### New Blood For The Dodgers

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Nov. 26.—Third baseman Billy Kerr and outfielder John Laslo of Niagara Falls Flare Senior baseball club were signed to Brooklyn Dodgers contracts by scout Dick Fisher.—United Press.

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#### HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Annual General Meeting of this Society will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, 9th December, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

R. A. JOSCELYNE, Hon. General Secretary.

### NOTICE

#### DR FOR PENG TEIK M.B., B.S. (H.K.) M.R.C.O.G. (LOND.)

Obstetrician & Gynaecologist wishes to announce that he has commenced practice at Ol Kwan Building, 2nd Floor 63-65 Des Voeux Road Central. Residence: 19 Seymour Road Tel. 21807.

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### GOSPEL HALL (Duddell Street, Kowloon)

(Between the Bank of China and the National City Bank of New York.) Sunday 11 a.m. Breaking-of-Bread (for Believers only). Sunday 8 p.m. Gospel Service. Monday 8 p.m. Service for members of the Church at No. 12, Chatham Road (1st floor), Kowloon.

Tuesday 8 p.m. Bible Study. Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. All English speaking friends are welcome.

#### EMMANUEL CHURCH (218 Nathan Road, Kowloon)

Saturday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8.30. At 25 Austin Avenue. Sunday Morning Service, 11.30. Preacher, Dr. Lechmere Clift. Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service, 8.00. Preacher, Rev. Charles Roberts.

Tuesday Morning, 10.30. Women's Bible Study. Group meets at 25 Austin Avenue. Wednesday Evening, 8.00. Song Service. Fellowship Meeting, and Social Half Hour. Friday Evening, 8.00. Army Scripture Reader's Bible Study. Open to all.

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